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"We got to clean house"



# A Few Words by the Editor

**I**T IS IMPOSSIBLE to exaggerate the importance of the home as the predominating factor in shaping the destiny of the nation, for home influences are more potent than all others combined, except those of heredity, in the development of character.

We scarcely need cite Napoleon, Washington and Lincoln, nor any of the other great men who have expressed the same opinion, as authority for the assertion that the ruling genius of the home for good or evil, usually for good, is woman on whom its welfare depends far more than on the man who poses as head of the family because his labor provides the means of its sustenance.

Aside from the immense moral influence which, as wife and mother, she exercises over husband and children by her precept and example; besides the power of her love which enshrines the home making it earth's holiest of holies, the health, comfort, happiness and prosperity of the family depend largely on her skill, neatness, thrift and patient, never-ending toil at housework, sewing and mending.

Therefore COMFORT'S mission as an all-round family magazine could not be fulfilled without giving prominence to its women's departments; and it is to the women that we dedicate our efforts in bringing out this big household number devoted especially to the interests of the home, hoping that it may be as acceptable and prove as useful as our similarly entitled number of a year ago regarding which we have received so many congratulations from our subscribers.

If to our many readers who are mistresses of homes or aspire to be, as every healthy, normal woman should, this special number is a help to lighten their labor, to make them better housekeepers and finer cooks; if it aids them in beautifying and making their homes more cozy, comfortable and attractive our publisher will feel amply repaid for his extra trouble and expense.

And here let us emphasize the importance of the material conditions of the home as bearing on its moral influence. Cooking is a fine art to which too little heed has been given in America. Poor cooking not only is one of the worst forms of waste and is destructive of health, but it leads to discontent and domestic infelicity and is one of the well-recognized causes of indulgence in alcoholic liquors, which is the worst curse of the home and the nation. The man who goes to his work after a poorly cooked, unappetizing, indigestible meal has a gnawing in his rebellious stomach which craves stimulant and too often results in his seeking the temporary relief that a drink of liquor affords; by repetition the habit becomes fixed and untold misery follows. Ladies, you cannot afford to slight the cooking; give it all the care and attention possible.

We need not dwell on the importance of making the home pretty and cozy as well as comfortable, and of keeping it tidy inside and out, not only for its refining influence on the family, but also that its attractiveness may keep the interest of husband and children centered in the home and counteract the tendency of outside attractions to induce them to spend too

much of their leisure time outside its hallowed sphere, and quite likely in places and with companions of which the wife or mother would not and could not approve, if she knew. You must see how a neat, attractive home strengthens the woman's grip on her husband and children and increases their respect and admiration of her because its condition is chiefly due to her efforts and reflects her character. How can you expect the husband and children to love the home and have the highest regard for its mistress unless she manifests her loving interest in it and in them by making it just as nice as possible.

Now don't say to yourself, "that is all right enough for the woman who has plenty of money to buy what she needs to fit up her home as she would like, but I haven't and so it is no use for me to try." That idea is wrong, for it is not a mere question of money nor of elaborate and costly fittings and furnishings. Luxury no more makes a home than wealth makes happiness, and our remarks are not addressed to the rich woman who usually has little or nothing to do with the furnishing and care of the palace which in spite of all its cost has few of the attributes which constitute a home; nowhere in such a house are the evidences of her handiwork apparent and when she goes for a six months' tour in Europe she is not missed in any department of the housekeeping.

However small and humble the abode or slender the family resources woman's knack under the impelling force of wifely and motherly love can find a way to make it truly homelike, cozy and attractive if she has the ideals characteristic of her sex. The woman must think out, originate and plan the improvements, and probably do a large part of the work herself, but if she is sensible and persistent about it her enthusiasm will soon enlist the aid of husband and children, if they are at all worthy of her; for the man who will not help his wife in her efforts in this direction is not fit to have a wife or home. Nearly every issue of COMFORT contains one or more suggestions for inexpensive improvement of the home.

Now just a few words about the girls and their position in the household; of course you, like most others, will give your daughters the best schooling you can, which is the proper thing; the more accomplishments the better, but don't overlook and don't neglect the most important part of a girl's education which is to learn housekeeping thoroughly in all its branches. Whatever may be their ambitions or your plans and hopes for their future, bear in mind and give them to understand that in the plan of creation woman was designed to be mistress of the home and that the highest, grandest and most useful position which she can fill is that of wife and mother. The mother instinct is born in every little girl and at a very early age is beautifully manifested in the loving and tender care which she bestows on her dolls,—her babies, as she calls them, and as such she treats them, while "playing house," in which she mimics her mother in all the details of housekeeping, is her favorite amusement. This instinct, which nature has given, should be fostered, and it is a shame that our modern system of education of girls too often has a tendency to sup-

press it to the great detriment of the rising generation. Whatever else you teach your girls, don't fail to make competent housekeepers of them. How common it is to hear some young woman educated with the view of filling some clerical or business position, but who has married, bitterly lamenting her lack of housekeeping attainments with the exclamation, "If mother had only taught me!" With the high and increasing cost of living the economy of good housekeeping becomes the more imperative.

A little advice to the girls themselves: If you have a good home be contented to remain under the parental roof helping your mother and cheering your father and brothers until some nice young man capable of providing a home asks you to complete his happiness, and don't be in too great a hurry to assume that responsibility; wait till the right man offers himself and be sure also that you know your own mind and heart. The alarming increase of divorces is largely due to hasty and ill-considered marriages. "Marry in haste and repent at your leisure" is a proverb which you should have constantly in mind.

Don't be dazzled by the glamour of city life; it is a hollow mockery at best and is totally different from what it looks to be to the outsider; it is misery and privation except to the wealthy and is fraught with degradation and loss of self respect to the poor. The large city is no place for the country girl to go for employment with the idea of bettering her condition, for it is notorious that the wages paid women in the stores and other business establishments do not enable them to live comfortably, decently or respectfully while every kind of a net is spread to entrap the young girl. Any work that a girl can do and live at home is all right, but don't leave home for work if you can possibly avoid it.

Less than two families in every hundred in New York City own the roof that shelters them, and thousands upon thousands there and in other large cities are compelled to live under conditions and amid surroundings which a respectable farmer would not impose on his hogs out of consideration for their health. The condition of the poor and even that of people of moderate means in the great cities is distressing and is getting worse, while that of the farmers is continually improving.

The over-crowding of the cities and the rapid extinction of home life therein, with the higher cost of living, constitute one of the most serious problems which confront the nation at present.

Most of COMFORT'S readers have cause to be thankful that they live in the country or in small towns and own their homes and are comfortable, even those who are not possessed of much worldly goods.

Now ladies, this household number has been gotten up for your especial benefit, and we shall be pleased to have you write us your opinions of it and give us any suggestions to help us in giving you a better one next March.

Comfort's Editor

## GOOD PRACTICAL ARTICLES TO USE ABOUT THE HOME

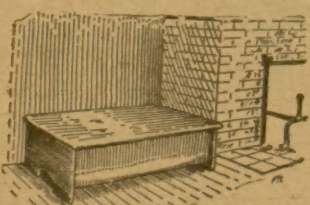
### Clothing Protector

A separate and complete protection is an excellent thing for the "best clothes," even though they are hung in a closet, for being less frequently worn they are the more exposed to flying moths and an accumulation of dust.

To make this protector, form a yoke about six inches deep that will fit closely over the clothes when placed on a hanger and to this sew a straight gathered founce, wide enough to fall loosely around garments and long enough to drop some inches below. To make this protector dust-proof, run a draw string into the hem, draw up and tie. In this case make some inches longer. Use inexpensive cotton material. Black and white print will launder to one's satisfaction when it becomes soiled. As a safeguard against moths there is no better and safer material than unbleached cloth used without being wet.

### Wood Box

Why not make the wood box as well as utility? The picture

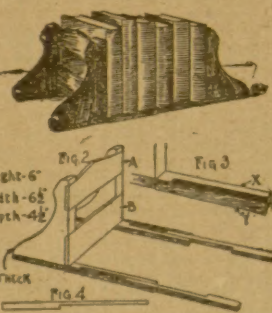


A FIREPLACE SEAT.

If the top is to be used as a lounging place it should be covered with imitation leather, but if not the smooth, glossy varnish will look all the better. There are many pretty designs of boxes, but this one seems to have just about the amount of beauty that a wood box is entitled to.

### Table Book Rack

It is the little touches here and there that add that indefinable sense of refinement to a home, that riches alone cannot buy. The little rack shown here fills just such a place in any home and is something you can make yourself or have your boy make for you. It is of neat design and will be found useful for books that are in everyday use and without this rack are loosely laid about the table. The manner in which the parts are put together is clearly shown by the picture. The rack ends can be pushed nearer together or fur-



FOR THE BOOK LOVER.

ther apart, accommodating from one to a dozen books in compact form.

### Invalid's Table

Anyone can make this table; it is indispensable to the sick one's comfort.

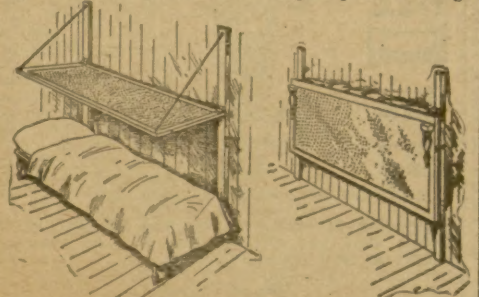
Procure a box long enough so that when one end rests on the floor, the other will be the proper height for the patient to eat from when sitting up in bed.

Remove the top and sides, leaving the ends and bottom. Strengthen the ends by either using wooden brackets cut from the discarded part of box, or iron ones to support the end that will make the table portion, as well as the other which forms the base. Smooth well with sandpaper and paint, white being a preferable color for the sick-room.

This table will serve to rest the patient, making it possible to eat with comfort, as well as being useful when one is able to write in bed.

### Folding Wall Bunks

In a camp or any place where lack of room makes limited sleeping quarters, two very comfortable beds, one above the other, can be hinged to the wall and hooked back similar to a Pullman berth and thus leave the floor space free. Against the wall nail two upright planks about seven feet long and far enough apart to hinge



SHOWING TWO BUNKS DOWN AND ONE FOLDED AGAINST THE WALL.

each end of the springs. Purchase from your furniture dealer two cot beds, called divan couches. These are simply a woven wire spring set in a substantial hard wood frame and supported by four turned hard wood legs. They are made in single and three quarters width and cost three dollars and seventy-five cents. Remove the legs from one and hinge it at each end of the back to your uprights with a heavy pair of hinges about five feet from the floor. The bed is supported by means of a chain fastened to each outside corner of the frame and again into the upright, the length of which will be right when the bed is exactly level. This chain drops inside when the bed is closed. When not in use the bed is hooked to the wall with a heavy screen-door hook. The lower bed may be arranged the same except that the two back legs are removed. The front ones support the bed when in use and are hinged in place so they will drop down when hooked to the wall. The lower bed makes a splendid couch for daytime use and a pretty demin cover and a few bright inexpensive cushions add to the attractiveness of the room. A demin curtain of the same color may cover the upper bed when hooked back. A thin "slab" mattress makes these beds very comfortable and there is ample space between the wall and bed to hold the bedding when hooked back. The one of those I saw in use was kept down for a day couch, and under it the pillows and blankets were placed.

### Hat-Pin Cushion

Take two pieces of heavy pasteboard, each measuring eight inches long by four in width. Make into book form using an inch-wide "back" or binding made from heavy cotton cloth. This is glued in place. Lay flat and make a slip cover



of linen, sewing the open end over and over. Embroider the words, "Hat Pins," on the cover with a pretty spray or scroll.

To make cushion, cut two pieces of pasteboard seven and one half inches long by three and three quarters wide; then cut sufficient pieces of outing flannel of the same size to make a pile one inch thick. Tack these pieces firmly together, keeping all the edges perfectly true. Bind the pasteboard and flannel together by gluing a piece of cambric around, being careful that the glue does not touch the top and bottom of cushion. Use No. 5 satin ribbon to bind and cover edge of cushion, slip between the covers and tie with same width of ribbon.

### Traveling Companion

This little apron of pockets is rightly named "Traveling Companion," for it contains all the equipment necessary for your personal comfort when traveling.

In the various pockets are put brush and comb, toothbrush and powder, soap box, manicure articles, etc. It is then folded or rolled and snugly packed away in the hand bag.

It is tied around the waist the same as any apron and worn while making the toilet so that instead of sharing the common conveniences of the dressing-room, you can slip each article as used into its own receptacle.

They may be made from linen, denim or rubber cloth. When damp articles are used, if not made from the rubber cloth it is well to line pockets with some waterproof material.

### A Useful Screen

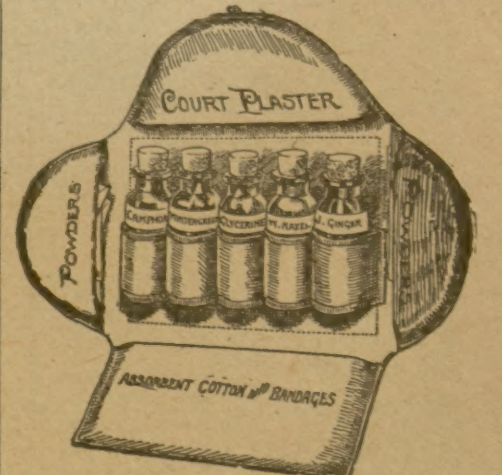
For those desiring to combine sleeping and sitting-room in one they will be greatly assisted by using a large screen of three or more sections, the other side kept plain, the inner or utility side toward the corner or around some part of the

room you may wish to conceal. Make three or more frames, each measuring five feet high by twenty-four inches across, from strips of lumber sufficiently heavy to endure the strain. Put in cross strips, about six inches wide, at the center, also six inches below the top. Hinge the sections or frames together at the top, center and bottom. Stain the wood a dark green, oak or mahogany color. Cover the outer side with burlap to match frame (brown to blend with oak is artistic), turning the edges in and tacking neatly with brass-headed tacks. On the utility side, put good-sized hooks into the upper cross strip to hold coats, hats, etc. On one of the center cross strips, tack a shoe bag, at another a sewing and darning bag. Arrange a section to hold towels, in fact all the articles that may hang can be put on this side of the screen.

### Medicine Case for Travelers

Three quarters of a yard of brown linen, three and a half yards of seal-brown silk braid, one skein of filo silk (seal-brown), and five ounce vials will make a very useful medicine case. Take two pieces of brown linen fifteen inches square and stitch them together three and a half inches from the top and from each side, thus making a casing seven and a half inches long by four and three quarters wide into which slip a piece of cardboard of exactly this size, and stitch it securely in. Shape the top and sides of the linen into rounded flaps, and cut the bottom straight down. Bind the lower edge with the silk braid, and fold it up three inches in depth, thus forming a pocket across the lower flap on which embroider the words, "Absorbent Cotton and Bandages." Cut pieces of linen to make pockets fitting over the other three flaps. Bind these across the straight edge, and work upon the larger piece the words, "Court Plaster," and on the other two, "Powders." Baste them in place, and bind the whole thing around with the silk braid excepting at the bottom which is folded up to form a pocket.

A strip of the linen twelve inches long by one



and a half wide is bound on both edges with the braid, divided into five parts, and stitched securely to the covered board for casings for the five bottles. These should be filled with witch-hazel, wintergreen, or whiskey, brandy, glycerine, camphor and Jamaica ginger, and each bottle should be carefully labeled. A hook and loop confines the two wider flaps over the bottles, while strings of the braid fastened to the smaller flaps tie them together over the whole.

# Inexpensive Hand-Made Furniture That Adds Comfort and Convenience to Life

## A Wall Desk

Once you obtain a wall desk like the one shown here and learn its many practical uses, you will wonder how you ever got along without one. Housekeeping is as much of a business as banking or storekeeping, and yet no system has been devised to cover the accounting branch of it. Our little desk provides a place for receipts, bills, writing material and general data. You can turn from your housework and instantly become your own bookkeeper. You have a support for writing on, and too, it closes up in regular desk fashion. Upon its face a picture or panel may be used. The cover should be fitted with a good lock.

## Shirt-waist Box Rack

The shirt-waist box has long been a necessity in the home, but in spite of its usefulness in storing bulky things, it has the disadvantage of being very large itself, and consequently hard to keep out of the way. The trouble is more evident where there are several boxes to be taken care of. One woman said to me, "If we could pile them on top of each other it would be all right," and that gave me the idea for the rack shown here. It is simple as can be. Four posts joined with crosspieces and topped with a nice flat board describes the whole thing. The boxes slide in and out like bureau drawers. They are literally piled on top of each other, but you can get at any one without disturbing any of the others. By taking pains you can make the rack a thing of beauty as well as a thing of honest usefulness.

## A Pattern Rack

Paper patterns are quite likely to become a mussy lot of tattered rolls and here is something that is easily constructed and will make a secure abiding place for them, for this little rack will give you a chance keep them together. A soap box will do with a little remodeling. Use light material for the shelves. One ingenious woman used screw-eyes in place of cleats, and through these and from side to side she stretched a good-sized cord, thus forming the best kind of a shelf to hold paper patterns. Here also is a good place to keep the articles used in cutting; such as chalk, pencil, tape measure, scissors hung at side between shelves, pins, etc. A curtain hangs across the front. Keep fashion books on top.

## Sewing Table

The simple sewing table shown here appeals to the economical and practical housewife. In the first place, if she has no man in her home to make it for her or cannot afford to have a carpenter do it, she can easily construct it herself. I say this advisedly because I know many frail women who have accomplished more difficult things than this in the wood working line. Make the base shown in Fig. 2 very carefully. Cut holes in the legs to receive the crosspieces and use glue and round-headed screws to fasten them. The various parts of the table top are shown in Fig. 3. Use lumber that is one half inch thick. This little table is full of comfort for the home sewer and I hope you will lose no time in making one for yourself.

## Utility Table

The table herewith shown can be used for sewing, cards or afternoon tea. Briefly stated it consists of a shallow box mounted on four legs. Light, half-inch pine is used in the construction of the box. The smaller drawing shows its interior with cloth pockets which are tacked on to hold spools, pins and other small articles. The top is hinged so that it will open like a trap door. It might also be fitted with a lock on the opposite side. A few boxes when torn apart, will provide ample material with which to make this table, or even if you have to buy lumber and hire it made you will find it an inexpensive convenience.

## A Secrétaire

For want of a better name I call this little article a secrétaire. It is a very handy thing to have on the library table and makes the sometimes irksome duty of writing a letter a real pleasure. Little need be said concerning its construction for the picture shows that it is both neat and simple. First saw out a piece of wood for the base, then two like Fig. 4 for the sides, and one like Fig. 5 for the back. Fig. 2 is a tin clamp that keeps the ink bottle in place. Fig. 3 is a groove for pens. Whatever kind of wood you use, finish by applying two coats of furniture wax. This convenient adjunct to your library will earn its way into your favor on more practical grounds than mere good looks.

## A Whisk Broom Holder

A whisk broom holder of the type shown is serviceable and neat. It may be made from scraps of lumber that would otherwise go to waste. The dimensions given will be right for an ordinary sized broom but you may vary them to suit your needs. The body of the holder consists of three slats glued or screwed to an upper and lower piece, as shown in Fig. 2. The part that receives the whisk broom may be fashioned out of a cigar box. Paint it to match the woodwork in room. It should be screwed permanently to the wall with two brass round-headed screws. If you wish to live up to the old adage "A place for everything and everything in its place," you will find this holder some help in that direction.

## Post-card Screen

The screen herewith shown consists of three simple frames hinged together. Its purpose is to hide any unsightly object or to place near the stove so that the heat will be kept from a sideboard or other article and reflected in the desired direction. Each frame is made exactly as indicated by Fig. 2. When all are made, tack on the cloth you intend using, and next hinge the three together. A pleasing effect is obtained by fastening leather post cards to the middle frame, or to one or more panels on each frame. The cards may be stitched on or placed in corner slots as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The idea is neat as well as novel and should please those who like things that are different.

## A Plant Box

This plant box is a handy thing for indoor use in the colder regions. Simply stated it is a box set up on four legs. The joints of the box should be very tight and filled with glue or putty. If this is well done and several coats of paint put on the interior it will keep it from soaking moisture. A zinc lining may be added as another precaution against dripping on the floor. The plants may be freely watered and what moisture works through will do no damage. In case you are going away for a few days you can partly fill the zinc lined box with water and not have to worry about the plants. Note that the legs have casters which permit easy moving from place to place.

## Reading Corner

This reading corner suggests luxury and comfort and yet it is inexpensive and easy to make. If you keep this drawing before you, you can proceed with the work yourself, and if you want a hired mechanic to do it just show him our picture and he will know exactly what you want done. The seats may be hinged and the interior of the boxes used as a storage place for books, shirt-waists, furs or any such articles. Select a well-lighted corner, the east side being the favorite for afternoon study. There are many ways to embellish and beautify this corner but all of them entail considerable expense.

## Lap-board

Here is something in an adjustable lap-board. By the simple arrangement "Y" in Fig. 1 which is a wooden peg, you can raise or lower the board at will. The legs are formed like shears and the raising is effected by drawing them nearer together at the bottom, placing the peg lower down. The top of the legs fit into small blocks which are hinged to the table as shown in Fig. 2. When not in use the legs fold up and the table may be put in a small space. It is a very handy board for drawing, sewing or studying, because it can be placed at any desired angle. It is simple enough for anyone to make and will be in great demand for different members of the household. Soft white pine is a good material; shellac makes a suitable finish.

## Letter Case

No doubt you will admit that an article of this kind is needed in your home. It is a letter rack which enables each member of the family to see whether or not he has a letter without shuffling everyone else's mail. The display posts are simply cut with a saw to a certain depth on a slant. You can make as many cuts as you think you would need, only being careful to put a like number on each side. Between the posts is a trough made of slats, for heavy mail. Over the trough is an arrangement of pigeonholes for stamps, ink, paper, etc. It is not intended for a desk but simply as a place to address letters handily. There is no doubt about the usefulness of the article if properly made.

## A Mission Candlestick

The woman who is ambitious to beautify her home with dainty little articles will appreciate this candlestick plan. It is neat, simple and useful and will add a touch of refinement to any room. The wood used in its construction should be of the choicest kind. No doubt you have some discarded article of furniture in the attic or shed that will do it. The dimensions of all parts and the manner of fitting them together is clearly shown by the picture. There are three steps in the finishing process. First a thorough rubbing with fine sandpaper, next a coat of mission stain and lastly varnish or wax. The latter is better in every way.

## Hat-pin Holder

The picture represents a hat-pin holder of neat and pleasing design. It is made out of spools suitably covered with velvet, or wound with ribbon in spiral form. Select five or six spools of ordinary size and remove the flanges from those that are to form the central part of the tube. This is easily done with the aid of a sharp penknife. The spools are fastened together with liquid glue. Brush a thin coat on the ends to be joined and let it dry, then put on another thin coat and quickly press the ends together and allow a day for the glue to set. Our cut offers a suggestion for the covering and hanging of the holder that you will perhaps find as neat and simple as you could wish for.

## Post Cards

You get so many pretty post cards that you want to keep, that it is really necessary to have several albums. Here is a new kind of book that you can make yourself. Get heavy cardboard, or glue several light sheets together and cut the covers out making them a little larger than the common sized card. The covers are fitted together and a corresponding pair of holes to correspond with those in covers. Bind the stubs into a book by running ribbon or cord through the holes and your album is practically complete. The cards are pasted to the stubs, each card forming a 'leaf' of the book. You can make it more elaborate by overing with silk or velvet and working your initials or any fancy design on the outside. This plan is just as much for boys as girls.

## Chair

Here is an odd piece of rough and antique design. It is made very strong and simple and can be used in the hall or any room in the house. Its rugged beauty appeals to that class of people who like the ultra-mission type of furniture. It is hardly necessary to make any explanation of the sketches, as they are so simple. The finishing of the chair is sometimes puzzling part of the work. If you use pine or any thing except the very choicest hard woods, I advise the method. First apply one or two coats of stain of your desired shade. Allow one full day for each coat to dry. Then apply furniture wax with a rag and after it has dried for an hour polish it as much as you please.

## Wall Rack for Papers and Books

This little rack is about as simple as can be. It consists of two side pieces, two shelves, and two cross braces. The side pieces are the only ones that will require any real work, as they are curved. The bottom part of the sides extends out several inches to receive the roller which is used to hang newspapers over, as the cut shows. Book sockets are made by extending a leather strap across the braces and tacking it at required intervals. The rack costs practically nothing, and is unique and serviceable and where one may have several papers each week possibly a daily, and needed for handy reference this rack will prove convenient and practical as described.

## Hall Tree

Here is a plan of a very simple hall tree or costumer as they are sometimes called. To begin with a nice sound piece of oak must be cut to the shape shown in Fig. 1. Next cut out two parts like the side section shown in Fig. 2. Those parts should now be put together by nailing or screwing from the reverse side of the larger piece. You can now put in your cross brace on top, and the flat piece on the base. The latter has a hole six inches in diameter cut out of its center. The hole is covered with a brass basin and used to stand umbrellas in. Three large fancy hooks are used at the top and if possible a mirror should be permanently attached to the back.

## A Revolving Book Rack

Here is a revolving rack used to hold books. The top can be utilized for newspapers. It is something like comfort to be able to get any book in the rack without getting up from the chair. The rack may be placed pretty close to the corner of the room because it will never be necessary to go on all sides of it for the rack swings around to you. It can be constructed of pine or any easily obtainable wood. The finish is the important part. You can get any kind of shade or color you want in a good store. Mission oak stain one coat, and wax two coats and polished is the right recipe for finishing. The different steps in the work of making it are shown in the detail cuts.

## Shelf

The old-fashioned shelf is too handy a place for bottles and boxes and traps of all kinds, and for this reason is a hard thing to keep neat. The lower picture shows a solution of the problem. The scheme is to put another narrow shelf under the regular one and then to cover it with a curtain. It is a simple arrangement and will soon establish its right in the household. The top picture shows the shelf as it ought not to be, while the lower one shows the extra space is used to good advantage in putting many needed things without the loss of its "catch-all" quality.



This Department is conducted solely for the use of Comfort sisters, whereby they may give expression to their ideas relative to the home and home surroundings, and to all matters pertaining to themselves and families; as well as opening a way for personal correspondence between each other.

Our object is to extend a helping hand to Comfort subscribers; to become coworkers with all who seek friendship, assistance, encouragement or sympathy.

Any abuse of this privilege, such as inviting correspondence for the purpose of offering an article for sale, or undertaking to charge a sum of money for ideas, recipes or information mentioned in any letter appearing in this department, in order to appear in the department, will be denied the use of these columns.

Do not ask us to print letters requesting patterns, quilt pieces, etc., for the purpose of, or with the expectation of receiving the equivalent in return, for this is not an exchange column.

Do not ask us to publish letters requesting donations of money. Much as we sympathize with the suffering and unfortunate, it is impossible to do this as we would be flooded with similar requests.

Do not request souvenir postals unless you have complied with the conditions which entitles you to such a notice. See postal request notice in another column.

We cordially invite mothers and daughters of all ages to write to Comfort Sisters' Corner. Every letter will be carefully read and considered, and then the most helpful ones chosen for publication, whether the writer be an old or new subscriber.

Please write only on one side of the paper, and recipes on a separate sheet.

Always give your correct and full name and address, very plainly written; otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

Address all letters for this department to Mrs. WHEELER WILKINSON, Care COMFORT, AUGUSTA, MAINE.

**T**HIS is the Household COMFORT which for months has been in preparation, and for many months to come you will find "just what I'm looking for" within its pages.

Under heading "Useful Hints Showing Where Time and Material Are Economized in Every Part of the Home" will be found many useful and valuable suggestions. The designs and accompanying illustrations of articles that may be made for both utility and ornamentation purposes are so varied and attractive that everyone is sure to fill a long-felt want.

The fashion department is prominent with its large display of useful designs and COMFORT's new patterns are giving satisfaction.

For those who can put up dainty lunches this number tells you how to dispose of them. The pretty little receptacles made from peach and strawberry baskets are unique and handy for many purposes.

Will Mrs. C. L. Hollandale, Wis., please send me her full name. In an oversight the last name was omitted.—Ed.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:**  
I have thought many times of writing to tell you how much I like COMFORT, but have left letter writing to those who can tell of the many interesting things they know, and so have been content to read and enjoy the different departments of the good magazine that has been a monthly visitor in our home for nearly a score of years.

We live at the foothills of the Catskill Mountains and have as good air and water as can be found in any land. The N. Y. Water Commissioners have discovered this fact also, and have bought up thousands of acres of land from the residents near our vicinity and have had large forces of workmen busy building dams and dikes in order that when completed the city of New York might have some of the pure water from our mountain streams to drink and use, that will be not only essential to their health, but be so fresh and satisfying that it may help lessen the desire for those beverages that are the curse of our nation, destroying the souls and bodies of many thousands of our fellowmen every year, and bringing desolation and ruin to the homes of its victims. May God help every effort that is put forth to overthrow this monster evil. My heart aches for the innocent ones who suffer more than tongue can tell through this vice, and all the others that follow in its train. COMFORT is one of the agencies toward this end. Its columns are full of helpful and elevating articles from Mr. Gannett and Uncle Charlie, to the dear sisters and Mrs. Wilkinson, who give us so many "good things" to encourage and uplift the despairing and despondent ones. Some of the letters from the shut-ins are so full of trust and calm confidence in the dear Father, who doth not willfully grieve, nor grieve, that my own heart is rebuked and I try not to complain when pain and trouble vex my soul. How far a kind and helpful word may reach, none can tell, and externally alone will disclose the influence we have exerted, either for good or ill, upon the lives of others. These thoughts ought to inspire us all, to give to the world the best we have.

"He who does the best his circumstances allow."  
Does well, acts nobly, angels could do more."  
A few words about myself and I will close. I am the mother of five children, all grown and married, living happily in homes of their own. Thus far none of them have been afflicted by the curse of strong drink. We never kept it in the house, nor used it; except in extreme cases, and then, by physicians' prescriptions. Our two sons and three daughters are good citizens and respectable members of society (and with one exception) all consistent members of the church, kind and loving to their parents, who are coming near to the sunset of life.

Wishing still greater success to COMFORT.

Very truly,  
Mrs. J. I. MILLER, Shady, N. Y.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:**  
I have taken COMFORT for more than a year and it is the best paper I ever read, with its many helpful hints for both young and old. I think that Mr. Gannett, Uncle Charlie and Mrs. Wilkinson are doing a great work. May they live long and prosper.

I can sympathize with all the sick and afflicted and wish I was able to help everyone of them.

How thankful we ought to be while we are blessed with good health and a happy home, and when God sees fit to send sickness and affliction upon us to bear it with a willing heart and think that He knows best.

I don't know how many of you will agree with me, but I think that the women and girls of today are as much to blame for the many drunkards as the saloon. If girls would not associate with the boys that practice drinking they would soon see that they were beneath the notice of all respectable girls and would stop drinking. I wish that all the girls would try this for a spell! I do not believe that there is a man in any town who would go down the streets with a drunken woman. How many girls are there that will walk with a drunken man?

With love to all I remain your sister in Christ.  
Mrs. J. A. BRUCE, Green Forest, Ark.

Mrs. Bruce. You have taken up the subject of the use of liquor in a very direct way; in a way that forces us to realize that the use of intoxicants often begins in youth. If such a measure as you present could be enforced and lived up to among the boys and girls of today, we would see a generation of vigorous, successful and God-fearing people, for even a moderate use of liquor does dull the brain and weaken the body.

In all ages the woman has and will stand in the eyes of man as a finer creation than himself. And, too, since the world began has the man been forgiven for wrong doings that could never be overlooked in woman; not even by man himself.

It is all through woman's greatness and her

capacity to hope and endure that the world lives, and it is these very qualities that frequently induce her to willingly sacrifice self in the hope that she may save another. Many a mother, sister, wife and sweetheart has faced humiliating situations of a nature that she knew not which way to turn, all because her companion was more or less unbalanced by the use of liquor, and yet she finds it in her heart to forgive and accept the promise that at the time is made in good faith.—Ed.

**DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:**

I have been a reader of COMFORT for quite a few years back, and although I am not yet eighteen, I have always liked the Sisters' Corner. Before I was old enough to read COMFORT myself mamma would tell me of the helpful things that you wrote.

Mamma is very kind and good and I wish you all could say that you had the good home I have. Papa is very kind and always worked hard. I have always had everything a girl of my age would want or ask for, and I never had to ask twice for anything.

You see dear sisters I am the only child in the family, so did not have any younger ones to share with me. I have always been by myself and that is why I took so much interest in your letters.

That God will be with and bless one and all of the sisters whose letters have so often been the bearer of hope, peace and sunshine to hundreds of homes, is the wish and prayer of your sister,  
Miss C. M. BURGESS, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

**DEAR SISTERS:**

I would gladly have sent thanks to each of you who so kindly sent me letters and post-cards, after reading my letter in December COMFORT, bringing to me your sympathy with comfort and cheer, all of which I greatly appreciate, and heartily thank you for in this way, collectively, because unable both physically and financially to thank you separately in addition to the great amount of writing I have all the time to do.

Many good wishes for the well-being and happiness of you all and the entire COMFORT family. I feel that I am one with you now, and it is pleasing to me to be one of such a large family. Sincerely yours,  
Miss MARY F. BOUTWELL, Faysville, Box 128, Vt.

**DEAR SISTERS:**

I have been a reader of good old COMFORT for years and it is a comfort indeed.

I have four boys and one little girl who is the baby. Our oldest is fifteen years. I have a dear, kind husband. I believe in teaching boys to work as well as girls. My four boys can wash, mop, iron and get meals and do any kind of housework as well as I can. It is a great comfort to me as I have not been well since our little girl was born. I am thirty years old and was married at fourteen.

I think that more of the women would be happier and more contented if they would love their husbands and be more kind and patient with their little faults. I heard an old lady say once that they "were always boys." She had reared a large family and was very happy. I do not think a wife should always be finding fault with her husband. I for one do not see his faults.

I am very sad at times as my dear mother was burned to death one year ago. Those who have mothers should love them, and I pray that none of you will lose yours as I did mine. I have a dear sister in the state hospital; she has lost her mind. I took her out last winter for four weeks, but had to send her back. Poor child, how I wish I could have kept her. Will the dear sisters pray for her?

I wonder how many of the sisters thank the dear Lord for giving them a good husband to share their sorrows with you.

Mrs. Annie Brewer. I agree with you that husband and wife should be willing to sacrifice for one another. How can one be happy and not give to the other?

Mrs. DORIS M. HALL, Rensselaer, N. Y.

**DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:**

Miss Rebecca Pennington will send ten cents in stamps to pay postage I will send her the book entitled "Prince of the House of David." I have one beautifully bound and plainly printed which I have read and will make it a present of. I am a poor girl and appreciate little favors and try to help others.

I would gladly get subscriptions for the wheel-chair fund, but crops were a complete failure here this year on account of drouth so it is all our people can do to make both ends meet.

My mother is an invalid and has a wheel chair so I know how much pleasure it is for a shut-in to get a nice chair ride. Mamma can't walk or use her arms, so I have to push the chair and hold her up so she can walk a few steps. I am the only girl at home with one brother at home also, so I get pretty lonely sometimes. I would be glad if the sisters would send me quilt pieces of any kind (except lawn). I am a quick croaker.

Hot vinegar clothes placed on a bruise will stop pains. Place a dry cloth on first to prevent blistering.

For a burn of any kind, poultice with salt and it will not blister.

For rheumatism, take Queens' Delight roots, cut off bark and make a strong tea and drink. You will find the weed in East Texas.

MISS MAGGIE WHITESCANN, Meekel, Taylor Co., Tex.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:**

I want to write and tell you how much we think of dear old COMFORT. I get so many helpful hints from it, and only wish it was a weekly paper.

Can any of the sisters tell me of a lady about middle age or so that could do housework or look after children? Would be willing to pay a suitable price if person suited.

Now I would love to hear from some of COMFORT sisters and will answer all those I can.

Mrs. A. E. COPLAND, West Glover, Vt.

**DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:**

May I be permitted to enter your charming circle, for what I have to tell you I am sure will be beneficial to someone.

I can truly sympathize with all who have consumption. I have had it for four years. Perhaps someone will be helped by my treatment.

I have always had poor health, never weighing over one hundred and seven pounds since the winter while away to school. I fell ill on the 22nd of Jan. My parents took me home and I kept my bed until the latter part of November. During the hottest months I had a trained nurse from Kansas City. I had fever every day. I took eleven raw eggs every day. (Two after breakfast, one at ten o'clock, one at eleven-thirty, two after dinner, one at three and four-two after supper, one at bedtime.) I took a glass of milk each time. My nurse called me at seven-thirty, had breakfast at eight, dinner at one and supper at five. We would go buggy riding after supper. That was the most fun I had all summer, especially if it was moonlight nights.

My nurse was with me fourteen weeks. They generally changed her every five days or so. You see it costs no little sum to keep one.

The first of September I commenced walking. At first I only took about twenty steps, then kept gradually increasing until when my nurse left in October I could walk about two hours.

Until July I slept in a window tent both day and night. (That is nearly like sleeping out of doors.) Then I moved into a tent. I would stay in a hammock in the daytime, under an old apple tree. I still sleep in a tent although this morning when we climbed off our roost it was ten degrees below zero.

During the long months I was in bed, young as I was, I never shed a tear. I was quite a heroine, do you not think so? I am only sixteen. I have two sisters and one brother. My sister just older than myself is teaching school, and my brother and other sister are going to school, so I get quite lonesome sometimes. Mamma and papa gave me a piano for Christmas so I have it to occupy my time.

If the raw eggs are a little hard to take at first, squeeze a few drops of lemon juice on them. Stay in the open air as much as possible. That is compulsory. I now weigh one hundred and fifty pounds and am the very picture of health.

Anyone wishing to learn more on this subject, write me. You all know I like COMFORT.

Very truly yours,  
Miss ERMINE CAPPS, Novinger, Mo.

**ERMINE.** Please accept my congratulations on your recovery and your consistency in keeping up the regular habit of living which, I have no doubt, largely contributed toward your steady gain. And too, I want to thank you for your letter. It is a valuable addition to our corner this month and I know will materially benefit many. My good wishes go to you and that devoted mother and father who did their utmost when you were so seriously threatened. We should be glad to know how long you continue the out-of-door life and as time goes on, more about your diet and exercise.—Ed.

**DEAR COMFORT FRIENDS:**

It is with very much sorrow and regret, that I write to inform you of the death of my aunt, Mrs.

E. L. Freer, which occurred Dec. 19. Your many comforting letters were a source of very great pleasure to her, and if time permitted me, would like to write to her many friends personally, but as we can't, we thought we would just send an announcement of her death to your paper COMFORT. Her niece,  
GRACE RICKETTS, Clinton, Tenn.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:**

I cannot come and meet you as an old subscriber for we have taken COMFORT just one year, and while we subscribe to a number of other periodicals, we look forward to COMFORT's coming just as anxiously as for any of them.

I began taking it simply to help a small boy out with his subscription list so he could get a watch, and had no idea I should care much for the paper, but was greatly surprised as the months went by, to find it so interesting, and the COMFORT Sisters' Corner so helpful, not to mention Uncle Charlie, and I come to you when I need help. Might you dear hostess, or some of the many sisters know of a remedy for Eczema? Two physicians have prescribed several times and I have tried several proprietary remedies, some of them seem to help just at first, but soon prove ineffectual, and I am getting discouraged.

It manifests itself the worst on scalp and elbows, forming those filthy colored scales, which if removed by force leave bleeding, irritated surfaces that emit a serum that flows into a crust, only to bring forth more silver colored scales.

Anyone that has had a like trouble and knows of a remedy will confer a favor by writing direct to me or giving it to COMFORT for the benefit of all, and I assure you it will be appreciated by a sufferer.

Mrs. A. W. DODDS, Gouverneur, R. R. 4, N. Y.

**DEAR SISTERS:**

I come to you for help. Can anyone give me a cure for bed-wetting for my little boy, three and one half years old? I would greatly appreciate any suggestions.

Mrs. ANG. LUEDTKE, Reese, R. R. 4, Mich.

**MRS. WILKINSON:**

I want to send the sisters a tested recipe for scarlet fever and diphtheria. I used it a year ago when my children were sick and I believe without it they would have died. A friend came in at the time they were sick and suggested it.

Put ten drops of carbolic acid in a full glass of water. Dose: One teaspoonful every half hour; also make a swab by rolling a small piece of cotton over the end of a match, dip into the carbolic water and clean out the throat several times each day.

This is excellent taken as a preventive as the germ cannot live in a throat where carbolic acid is used.

This should be marked "Poison" and kept on a high shelf.

Mrs. G. POWEN, Granite, Colorado.

**DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:**

I have received so much help from your many welcome letters that I want to try to help a little also. A cure for those distressing and painful chilblains is to fry onions in plenty of lard for about one half hour. Strain and use as a salve.

To loosen a cold in the head, take an empty tin can, fill nearly full of water, add three spoonfuls of turpentine and boil on the stove while you sleep. Use olive oil in the place of meat to cook with beans.

Save all your eggshells in summer and feed them to the hens in winter.

Now I wonder if anyone could help me. Years ago I read a book called "Si Klegg" and am anxious to get a copy. I think it is out of print as we have failed to find it in the book stores here. I will be very glad if anyone can help me to secure a copy. Please write first.

I wish best wishes to all that 1911 may be a prosperous year to you. I am another happy mother of three.  
Mrs. M. E. SKELTON, Auburn, Mich.

**DEAR SISTERS:**

I am a new subscriber to COMFORT and let me say this that it is the best magazine of its kind in the wide world.

My letter is printed just think you are seeing a sister that is tall and slender, with gray eyes, dark hair and rosy cheeks. I am twenty-three years old, have been married seven years and am the mother of two healthy boys. I have no brother nor sister as papa left mamma six months before I was born. I went to school a very little, for when I was large enough to work I then had to help mamma and grandmother (as grandmother was a widow). Mamma left us last May, being sick four months before she died. She was resigned to God's will in all her sufferings, saying she wanted to go to her home above. In the same month mamma died, grandmother was taken ill and has not been able to go out of doors since.

Dear sisters, I have been very lonely and discouraged. It is hard to stay at home with no pleasure except a little reading. I love music very much and studied a few months, learning to play a lot of songs. Now since grandmother has been sick I am deprived of that great pleasure. I should be so proud and thankful for any letters or reading matter from you dear sisters; a luxury that I do not have.

I have told you of my troubles, now I will speak of my blessings. Mamma left us with a very nice home one mile and a half from the little village. We have a five room house, a good young mule, a nice buggy, two milk cows, hogs, sheep and a bunch of chickens.

I have a good husband; he is kind to grandmother and was good to mamma.

Well, I must stop writing now and cook supper. The cow has been in the garden and broken down twenty-two heads of collards, so I shall have collards and backbone for tomorrow's dinner.

In a bad case of tonsillitis it will be found much easier to swallow if the nurse will place one hand over the collar bone and the other between the shoulders high up against the neck and press very hard as they are trying to swallow.

Love and sympathy to the shut-ins.

Mrs. BYRON BLANTON, Magnolia, Duplin Co., N. C.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:**  
I have been a reader of COMFORT for years and enjoy the Sisters' Corner best of all. I feel and when I read the letters from the poor shut-ins and wish I could help everyone of them.

I will give you a prescription for a liniment which I use and I have cured several cases of rheumatism: Four ounces of turpentine, one half ounce of gum camphor, one half ounce of chloroform, one ounce of laudanum, one half ounce of ammonia water, and one half ounce of oil of sassafras. I buy this here at the druggist's for fifty cents, and add myself one cup of rain water and two teaspoonfuls of good apple vinegar. This makes one quart. Shake well.

To take internally, the dose is three drops for a three months' old baby; over a half teaspoonful for a grown person; have given as much as a teaspoonful. A half teaspoonful for a horse.

My little girl's legs were so drawn from rheumatism that we had to carry her. I kept her legs well rubbed with the liniment and gave her a dose of quinine at night. She was well in a short time.

In cases of colic this liniment is beneficial to man or beast. I have used it fourteen years and checked several cases of pneumonia by heating the liniment and saturating a flannel cloth and applying to the seat of pain.

I am the mother of ten children, nine living. My husband is a farmer in summer and a stock buyer in winter and is gone from home most of the time, so you see I am kept very busy looking after the stock and children. My eldest is married and I have four in school.

I raise lots of chickens. How many of the sisters burn the straw as soon as the hens hatch their chicks? Coal oil the bottoms and sides of the boxes and fill with fresh straw or hay. I am not bothered much with lice or mites as I take a ten cent binder machine can, fill with coal oil and apply to the roasts two or three times a month. You will find this a great preventive.

We live close to our little country church and schoolhouse. I do enjoy helping in Sunday school and church work.

I would be glad to hear from any of the sisters.

With love,  
Mrs. ALICE (nee POSEY) McREE, Rives, R. R. 2, Tenn.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:**  
I have been a silent reader of COMFORT for so long. I have wanted to write, it is true, but hesitated for fear of being unable to help in any way.

I live in southern Missouri—six miles from any town, and eighteen miles from the railroad. It is very lonely down here, yet I have many nice friends, a good husband and a good home. I sometimes think that a great deal of my loneliness is due to the fact that we are childless. We have been married nineteen years and both of us are very fond of children. I have, however, an adopted daughter of whom I am very fond. We took her when she was only four years old; she is now twenty. But now she is teaching and away from home most of the time. She has always been so good and obedient, and is, I am sure, as fond of us, as if we were her own parents.

I would like very much to get a baby girl, anywhere between the ages of eight months and three years, and a boy ten or twelve years old. We are just wealthy enough to give them a good common and high school education, to clothe and feed them well, and make them comfortable.

Can furnish good references if necessary. Would be glad to know of any children I might get.

Very truly,  
Mrs. ADA MITCHELL, Hartsville, Mo.

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# DAVID HARUM

## A Story of American Life

By Edward Noyes Westcott

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### SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

David Harum, the shrewd country banker and horse trader of Homeville, N. Y., began life friendless, poor and despised. With the scantiest rudiments of education, by industry, energy and natural ability he made his way in the world unaided and when past middle age, as the story opens, had accumulated a handsome property. He is a widower and his widowed sister Mrs. Bixbee, known as "Aunt Polly," makes her home with him. His unique wit and cunning are displayed in the famous horse trade, so humorously told in the first two chapters, in which he worships the deacon and even up an old score.

John Lenox, a young New Yorker, reared in luxury, while his father lived was liberally supplied with money to indulge his somewhat erratic inclinations. After two years in college followed by a year and a half in business he had spent two years in Europe; on his way home he finds as passengers on the steamer Julius Carling, Mrs. Carling and her sister, Miss Mary Blake, his boyhood sweetheart, and renews his acquaintance. Mr. Carling, a sufferer from nervous prostration, is a great care to the ladies, and Lenox wins their good graces by entertaining their patient and giving them an opportunity to rest.

The following winter John makes his home with his father and divides his time between studying law and courting Miss Blake at the Carling home where he is heartily welcomed by all the family. By springtime Mr. Carling's health requires more travel, and his wife and Miss Blake are to accompany him. Lenox determines to propose to Miss Blake before her departure, but is prevented from calling by the suicide of his father; so he writes her a note and she writes him in reply, but he never receives her note because Jackie Carling puts it in his pocket and forgets to mail it. Thus their correspondence ends, each supposing the other does not care to continue it.

John discovers that his father's suicide was caused by the loss of almost all his property. Thus compelled to earn his living John goes to work as clerk for David Harum on recommendation of Gen. Woolsey.

To add to the depression caused by his recent misfortune John finds his new surroundings in the little village of Homeville anything but prepossessing; he has no acquaintance in the town and the people whom he first meets are uncongenial; at the Eagle Hotel his room is uncomfortable and the board is execrable; Timson, who has been discharged for incompetency from the position which Lenox is to fill, tries to give him a bad impression of his employer and magnifies the labor and difficulty of the duties required of him; but John meets the disheartening situation manfully and does his level best to make good. By diligent application he soon masters the details of the business which he finds less difficult than he had anticipated. Meantime he learns that in some quarters, Mr. Harum has the reputation of being hard and unscrupulous in business, and some transactions which look suspicious and others which indicate a kind heart, come under his personal observation. Lenox and Harum are watching and studying each other attentively.

To test Lenox's honesty Harum offers to help him pass a couple counterfeit bills which the young man had unsuspectingly taken as good money; Harum is pleased at Lenox's indignant refusal, but the latter, taking the proposition seriously, forms a poor opinion of his employer. The day but one before Christmas Harum instructs Lenox to notify the Widow Cullom to call at his office Christmas morning and make a final settlement of the overdue mortgage which he holds on her home; he requests Lenox to be present to witness the necessary papers, giving him to understand that he intends to take the property as the poor widow, who has seen better days, has no means of paying this debt which she has incurred to help her only son out in Kansas.

### CHAPTER XVIII.

CONSIDERING John's relations with David Harum, it was natural that he should wish to think as well of him as possible, and he had not (or thought he had not) allowed his mind to be influenced by the disparaging remarks and insinuations which had been made to him, or in his presence, concerning his employer. He had made up his mind to form his opinion upon his own experience with the man, and so far it had not only been pleasant but favorable, and far from justifying the half-jeering, half-malicious talk that had come to his ears. It had been made manifest to him, it was true, that David was capable of a sharp bargain in certain lines, but it seemed to him that it was more for the pleasure of matching his wits against another's than for any gain involved. Mr. Harum was an experienced and expert horseman, who delighted above all things in dealing in and trading horses; and John soon discovered that, in that community at least, to get the best of a "horse trade" by almost any means was considered a venial sin. If a sin at all, and the standards of ordinary business probity were not expected to govern those transactions.

David had said to him once, when he suspected that John's ideas might have sustained something of a shock, "A horse trade ain't like anything else. A feller may be straighter 'n a string in ev'rythin' else, an' never tell the truth—that is, the bull truth—about a horse. I trade horses with horse-traders. They all think they know as much as I do, an' I dunno but what they do. They ain't learnt no different, anyway, an' they've had chances enough. If a feller come to me that didn't know he knew anything about a horse, an' wanted to buy on the square, he'd git fur's I knew, square treatment. At any rate, I'd tell him all 't I knew. But when one o' them smart Alecks comes along and cal'lates to do up ol' Dave, why, he's got to take his chances, that's all. An' mind ye," asserted David, shaking his forefinger impressively, "it ain't only them fellers. I've ben wuss stuck two three time by church-members in good standin' than anybody I ever dealt with. Take



"THERE, NOW, I GUESS YOU'RE FIXED, AN' YOU KIN HURRY BACK 'FORE SHE KETCHES A CHILL!"

in or he'll skin the eye-teeth out of ye. Yes, Mr. Harum! I believe the old critter makes hosses! But the deakin," added David, "he, he, he, he! the deakin hain't hardly spoke to me fer some considerable time, the deakin hain't. He, he, he!

"Another thing," he went on. "The ain't no

gamble like a hoss. You may think you know him through an' through, an' fust thing you know he'll be cuttin' up a lot o' didos right out o' nothin'. It stands to reason that sometimes you let a hoss go all on the square—as you know him—an' the feller that gits him don't know how to bitch him or treat him, an' he acts like a different hoss, an' the feller allows you swindled him. You see, hosses gits used to places an' ways to a certain extent, an' when they're changed, why, they're apt to act different. Hosses don't know but dreadful little, really. Talk about hoss sense—wa'al, the ain't no sech thing."

Thus spoke David on the subject of his favorite pursuit and pastime, and John thought then that he could understand and condone some things he had seen and heard, at which at first he was inclined to look askance. But this matter of the Widow Cullom's was a different thing, and as he realized that he was expected to play a part, though a small one, in it, his heart sank within him that he had so far cast his fortunes upon the good will of a man who could plan and carry out so heartless and cruel an undertaking as that which had been revealed to him that afternoon. He spent the evening in his room trying to read, but the widow's affairs persistently thrust themselves upon his thoughts. All the unpleasant stories he had heard of David came to his mind, and he remembered with misgiving some things which at the time had seemed regular and right enough but which took on a different color in the light in which he found himself recalling them. He debated with himself whether he should not decline to send Mrs. Cullom the notice as he had been instructed and left it an open question when he went to bed.

He awakened somewhat earlier than usual, to find that the thermometer had gone up and the barometer down. The air was full of a steady downpour, half snow, half rain, about the most disheartening combination which the worst climate the world—that of Central New York—can furnish. He passed rather a busy day in the office, in an atmosphere redolent of the unsavory odors raised by the proximity of wet boots and garments of the big cylinder stove outside the counter, a compound of stale smells from kitchen and stable.

After the bank closed he dispatched Peleg Hopkins, the office boy, with the note for Mrs. Cullom. He had abandoned his half-formed intention to revolt, but had made the note not only a little peremptory as was compatible with a clear intimation of its purport as he understood it, but had yielded to a natural impulse in beginning it with an expression of personal regret—a blunder which cost him no little chagrin in the outcome.

Peleg Hopkins grumbled audibly when he was requested to build the fires on Christmas day, and expressed his opinion that "if there warn't Bieffe agin workin' on Chris'mus, the'd ort ter be," but when John opened the door of the bank that morning he found the temperature in comfortable contrast to the outside air. The weather had changed again, and a blinding snow-storm, accompanied by a buffeting gale from the northwest, made it almost impossible to see a path and to keep it. In the central part of the town some tentative efforts had been made to open walks, but these were apparent only as slight and tortuous depressions in the depths of snow. In the outskirts the unfortunate pedestrian had to wade to the knees.

As John went behind the counter his eye was at once caught by a small parcel lying on his desk, of white note-paper, tied with a cotton string, which he found to be addressed, "Mr. John Lenox, Esq., Present," and as he took it up it seemed heavy for its size.

Opening it, he found a tiny stocking, knit of white wool, to which was pinned a piece of paper with the legend: "A Merry Christmas from Aunt Polly." Out of the stocking fell a packet fastened with a rubber strap. Inside were five ten-dollar gold pieces, and a slip of paper on which was written: "A Merry Christmas from Your Friend David Harum." For a moment John's face burned, and there was a curious smarting of the eyelids as he held the little stocking and its contents in his hand. Surely the hand that had written "Your Friend" on that scrap of paper could not be the hand of an oppressor of widows and orphans. "This," said John to himself, "is what he meant when he 'supposed it wouldn't take me long to find out what was in my stocking.'"

The door opened, and a blast and whirl of wind and snow rushed in, ushering the tall, bent form of the Widow Cullom. The drive of the wind was so strong that John vaulted over the low cash counter to push the door shut again. The poor woman was white with snow from the front of her old worsted hood to the bottom of her ragged skirt.

"You are Mrs. Cullom?" said John. "Wait a moment till I brush off the snow, and then come to the fire in the back room. Mr. Harum will be in directly, I expect."

"Be I much late?" she asked. "I made 's much haste 's I could. It don't appear to me 's if I ever see a blusterin' day, 'n I ain't as strong as I used to be. Seemed as if I never would git here."

"Oh, no," said John, as he established her before the glowing grate of the Franklin stove in the bank parlor, "not at all. Mr. Harum has not come in himself yet. Shall you mind if I excuse myself a moment while you make yourself as comfortable as possible?"

She did not apparently hear him. She was trembling from head to foot with cold and fatigue and nervous excitement. Her dress was soaked to the knees, and as she sat down and put up her feet to the fire John saw a bit of a thin cotton stocking and her deplorable shoes, almost in a state of pulp. A snow-obscured path led from the back door of the office to David's house, and John snatched his hat and started for it on a run. As he stamped off some of the snow on the veranda the door was opened for him by

Mrs. Bixbee.

"Lord sakes!" she exclaimed. "What on earth be you cavortin' round for such a mornin' 's this without no overcoat, an' on a dead run? What's the matter?"

"Nothing serious," he answered, "but I'm in a great hurry. Old Mrs. Cullom has walked up from her house to the office, and she is wet through and almost perished. I thought you'd send her some dry shoes and stockings, and an old shawl or blanket to keep her wet skirt off her knees, and a drop of whisky or something. She's all of a tremble, and I'm afraid she will have a chill."

"Certain! certain!" said the kind creature; and she bustled out of the room, returning in a minute or two with an armful of comforts. There's a pair of bedroom slippers lined with lamb's-wool, an' a pair of woolen stockings, an' a blanket shawl. This here petticoat, 'tain't what ye'd call bran'-new, but it's warm an' comf'able,



"BUT BEFORE WE GET DOWN TO BUS'NIS' AN' SIGNIN' PAPERS, I WANT TO TELL YE A LITTLE STORY."

an' I don't believe she's got much of anythin' on 'ceptin' her dress; an' I'll git ye the whisky, but"—here she looked deprecatingly at John—"it ain't gen'ally known 't we keep the stuff in the house. I don't know as it's right, but though David don't hardly ever touch it he will have it in the house."

"Oh," said John, laughing, "you may trust my discretion, and we'll swear Mrs. Cullom to secrecy."

"Wa'al, all right," said Mrs. Bixby, joining in the laugh as she brought the bottle; "jest a minute till I make a passel of the things to keep the snow out. There, now, I guess you're fixed, an' you kin hurry back 'fore she ketches a chill."

"Thanks very much," said John as he started away. "I have something to say to you besides 'Merry Christmas,' but I must wait till another time."

When John got back to the office David had just preceded him.

"Wa'al, wa'al," he was saying, "but you be in a putty condidable state. Hullo, John! what you got there? Wa'al, you air the stuff! Slippers, blanket shawl, petticoat, stockin's—wa'al, you an' Polly ben puttin' your heads together, I guess. What's that? Whisky? Wa'al! sent my! I didn't s'pose wid hosses would have drawn it out o' Polly to let on the 'was any in the house, much less to fetch it out. Jes' the thing! Oh, yes, ye are, Miss Cullom—jes' a mouthful with water," taking the glass from John; "jes' a spoonful to git your blood a-goin', an' then Mr. Lenox an' me 'll go into the front room while you make yourself comf'able."

"Consarn it all!" exclaimed Mr. Harum, as they stood leaning against the teller's counter, facing the street. "I didn't cal'late to have Miss Cullom hoof it up here the way she done. When I see what kind of a day it was I went out to the barn to have the cutter hitched an' send for her, an' I found ev'rythin' tony-turvy. That dum'd uneasy sorril colt had got cast in the stall, an' I ben fussin' with him ever since. I clean forgot all 'bout Miss Cullom till jes' now."

"Is the colt much injured?" John asked.

"Wa'al, he won't trot a twenty gait in some time, I reckon," replied David. "He's wrenched his shoulder some, an' mebbe strained his inside. Don't seem to take no intrist in his feed, an' that's a bad sign. Consarn a hoss, anyhow! If they're wuth anythin' they're more bother 'n a teetchin' baby. Alwus some dum thing ailin' 'em; an' I took consid'able stock in that colt, too," he added regretfully, "an' I could 'a' got putty near what I was askin' for him last week, an' putty near what he was wuth; an' I've noticed go like that, some cussed thing happens to the hoss. It ain't a bad idee in the hoss bus'nis, anyway, to be willin' to let the other feller make a dollar once 'n a while."

After that aphorism they waited in silence for a few minutes, and then David called out over his shoulder, "How be you gettin' along, Miss Cullom?"

"I guess I'm fixed," she answered, and David walked slowly back into the parlor, leaving John in the front office. He was annoyed to realize that, in the bustle over Mrs. Cullom and what followed, he had forgotten to acknowledge the Christmas gift, but, hoping that Mr. Harum had been equally oblivious, promised himself to repair the omission later on. He would have preferred to go out and leave the two to settle their affair without witness or hearer, but his employer, who, as he had found, usually begged him to remain, and he had no choice. He perched himself upon one of the office stools and composed himself to await the conclusion of the affair.

### CHAPTER XIX.

Mrs. Cullom was sitting at one corner of the fire, and David drew a chair opposite to her. "Feelin' all right now? Whisky hain't made ye liable to no disorderly conduct, has it?" he asked, with a laugh.

"Yes, thank you," was the reply, "the warm things are real comfortin', 'n I guess I hain't had licker enough to make me want to throw things. You got a kind streak in ye, Dave Harum, if ye did send me this here note; but I s'pose ye know yer own bus'nis," she added, with a sigh of resignation. "I ben fearin' fer a good while 't I couldn't hold on 't that prop'ty, an' I don't know but what you might's well git it as Zeke Swinney, though I ben hopin' 'gainst hope that Charley 'd be able to do more 'n he has."

"Let's see the note," said David curtly. "H'm, humph—regret to say that I have ben instructed by Mr. Harum—wa'al, h'm, m'm, cal'lated to clear his own skirts anyway—h'm, m'm—must be closed up witout further delay." (John's eye caught the little who'stocking which still lay on his desk.) "Wa'al, yes, that's about what I told Mr. Lenox to say, fur's the bus'nis part's concerned; I might 'a' done my own regrettin' if I'd wrote the note myself." (John said something to himself.) "Tain't the pleasantest thing in the world fer ye, I allow, but then, you see, bus'nis is bus'nis."

John heard David clear his throat, and there was a hiss in the open fire. Mrs. Cullom was silent, and David resumed:

"You see, Miss Cullom, it's like this: I ben thinkin' of this matter fer a good while. That place ain't ben no real good to ye sence the first year ye signed that mortgage. You hain't scarcely more'n made ends meet, let alone the intrist, an' it's ben simply a question o' time, an' who'd git the prop'ty in the long run, fer some years. I reckoned, same as you did, that Charley 'd mebbe come to the front; but he hain't done it, an' 'tain't likely he ever will. Charley's a likely 'nough boy some ways, but he hain't got much 'git there' in his make-up—not more'n enough fer one, anyhow, I reckon. That's about the size on't, ain't it?"

Mrs. Cullom murmured a feeble admission that she was "frail it was."

"Wa'al," resumed Mr. Harum, "I see how things was goin', an' I see that, unless I played euchre, Zeke Swinney 'd git that prop'ty, an' whether I wanted it myself or not, I didn't cal'late he'd git it, anyway. He put a spoke in my wheel once, an' I hain't forgot it. But that hain't neither here nor there. Wa'al, after a short pause, "you know I helped ye pull the thing along on the chance, as ye may say, that you an' your son 'd somehow make a go on't."

"You ben very kind, so fur," said the widow faintly.

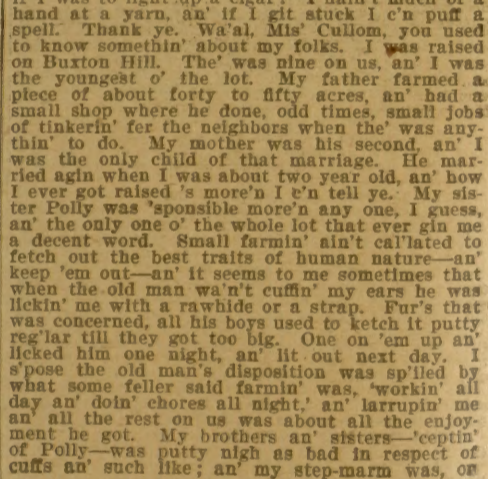
"Don't ye say that, don't ye say that," protested David, "Twa'n't no kindness. It was jes' bus'nis. I wa'n't takin' no chances, an' I s'pose I might let the thing run a spell longer if I c'd see any use in't. But the ain't, an' so I ast ye to come up this mornin' so't we c'd settle the thing up without no fuss, nor trouble, nor lawyer's fees, nor nothin'. I've got the papers all drawn, an'—Mr. Lenox—here to take the acknowledgments. You hain't no objection to windin' in the thing up this mornin', have ye?"

"I s'pose I'll have to do whatever you say," replied the poor woman in a tone of hopeless discouragement, "an' I might as well be killed to once as to die by inch pieces."

"All right, then," said David cheerfully, ignoring her lethal suggestion, "but before we git down to bus'nis an' signin' papers, an' in order to set myself in as fair a light 's I can in the matter, I want to tell ye a little story."

"I hain't no objection 's I know of," acquiesced the widow graciously.

"All right," said David: "I won't preach more'n about up to the sixthly. How'd you feel if I was to light up a cigar? I hain't much of a hand at a yarn, an' if I git stuck I c'n puff a spell. Thank ye, wa'al, Miss Cullom, you used to know somethin' about my folks. I was raised on Buxton Hill. The 'was nine on us, an' I was the youngest o' the lot. My father farmed a piece of about forty to fifty acres, an' had a small shop where he done, odd times, small jobs of tinkerin' fer the neighbors when the 'was anythin' to do. My mother was his second, an' I was the only child of that marriage. He married agin when I was about two year old, an' how I ever got raised 's more'n I c'n tell ye. My sister Polly was 'sponsible more'n any one, I guess, an' the only one o' the whole lot that ever gin me a decent word. Small farmin' ain't cal'lated to fetch out the best traits of human nature—an' when 'em out—jes' it seem to me sometimes that when the old man wa'n't cuffin' my ears he ben lickin' me with a rawhide or a strap. Fur's that was concerned, all his boys used to ketch it putty reg'lar till they got too big. One on 'em up an' licked him one night, an' lit out next day. I s'pose the old man's disposition was sp'iled by what some feller said farmin' was, 'workin' all day an' doin' chores all night, an' larrupin' me an' all the rest on us was about all the enjoyment he got. My brothers an' sisters—'ceptin' of Polly—was putty nigh as bad in respect of cuffs an' such like; an' my step-marm was, or



"WA'AL SONNY, WHAT YOU THINKIN' OF?" HE SAYS.

the hull, the wust of all. She hadn't no children of her own, an' it appeared 's if I was jes' pizen to her. Twa'n't so much slappin' an' cuffin' with her as 'twas tongue. She c'd say things that 'd jes' raise a blister like pizen-ivy. I s'pose I was about as old'nary, no-account-lookin', red-headed, freckled little cuss as ye ever see, an' slinkin' in my manners. The air of our home circle wa'n't cal'lated to raise heroes in.

"I got three four years' schoolin', an' made out to read an' write an' cipher up to long division 'fore I got through, but after I got to be six year old, school or no school, I had to work reg'lar at anythin' I had strength fer, an' more

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## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I write this in order to let the sisters know of our change of location and to prevent mail from being sent to our former address. Also to thank the writers of many kind letters and for Christmas messages of love and remembrance from unseen but dear, loving friends.

COMFORT has been my good angel in my lonely, Northern home and was the means of making new and dear friends. For the cheer and happiness it brought me, I can never be thankful enough. Believe me, dear COMFORT sisters, I am deeply grateful for every favor.

Some wrote me and gave no address, some wrote with lead pencil and the writing was so dimmed when it reached me after being forwarded to me, that I am unable to distinguish either name or address. To all, who have not received a reply, I will ask that they kindly write again with pen and ink to my present address and I will be pleased to respond.

Have been very sick and could not answer when I wished. Hoping this will be sufficient explanation to one and all and wishing dear COMFORT and readers prosperity. I am your friend always,

Mrs. E. H. (DEACON) PRATHER, Maroa, Ill.

DEAR SISTERS:

As I have been reading the letters from so many different COMFORT sisters this morning, I thought I would like to join the circle for a few minutes and have a little chat.

My home is in Kezar Falls, Maine, a small country village and very pretty. It has a woolen mill, a bobbin mill and box factory where most of the people are employed.

My husband and I have been staying at Freedom, N. H., since the last of October, and will be until the first of February probably, as he is chopping timber for a mill. We have a little girl, Lucia Evelyn, one year old the 12th of February, who is the darling of our home. I will be twenty-one years old the 23rd of April and have been married three years next June. I would like very much to have a letter party the 20th of March. I will be very glad to hear from those interested in house plants. Please address all my mail to Mrs. F. ROBIN MERRILL, Kezar Falls, Box 63, Maine.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

Will you please allow me a little room in our corner for I want to say to the sisters living in New Mexico, or anyone who can give me true information regarding land that can be homesteaded in that state that if they will write to me that I will be very grateful. I want to know which of the states I should write for government free land laws? Does one have to pay for irrigation rights; or do they have to sink wells on their own land and irrigate from it? Is the free land level or hilly, high or low? Is the free land forest or prairie? Can one pick the land, or do they have to draw lots for it? Would like to know the names of the counties which you write about so we can locate them on the map. Husband and I both have lung trouble, and our three little ones seem troubled the same way. We want to go to a dry climate, and if someone will write and tell us how to go about homesteading a place, and answer the questions in this letter, they will be very glad.

God bless COMFORT and its staff of Christian workers is the prayer of four sisters,

Mrs. MOLLIE PATTON, East Bernstadt, Ky.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I received my first COMFORT today, and it is truly a comfort to us all.

I have been reading the letters sent in by shut-ins and those who have so much trouble and no one can help but grieve for them. How I do wish that our faith would be so great, that God would heal them all instantly! Our own discomforts sink into insignificance when we think of them, and make us realize more and more, how infinitely great our blessings are. One sister said that it was "God's will for her to suffer." I wish I could make or rather cause her to think of God, as I do, as the "Giver of all good gifts." I will try to tell you how I learned this. In the spring when our baby boy was born, my responsibilities seemed so great, I cried half the time. Of course this made baby so restless that he was ailing most of the time. We took him to the best physician in town, and he said that the less medicine we gave him the better, that he would get well himself. Also at about this time, a dear lady told me that "the mother ruled the child and to turn to God for help." Her urging led me to read the Bible more. So I went to work and tried to prove what she said, by looking for all the "good things" about God, and I really found so many that it turned my belief "up side down," about Him being the author of all our disorders. I now turn to Him as my Father, who gives nothing but "good gifts." I can't begin to tell you of all the blessings we have had since then. Our baby is a fine, healthy child and everyone loves him. I wish more of the sisters would try my "recipe" and be as happy as we are. My favorite psalms are the 91st, 37th and 46th.

"If you've had a kindness shown"

Pass it on.

"Twas not made for you alone,"

Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years

Let it wipe another's tears

Till in heaven the deed appears

Pass it on."

We are not able to give help to the shut-ins financially; we are not rich and what we can afford we send to my growing brothers and sisters, because both my father and mother have ill health.

I would like to meet that dear lady of Sunshine Cottage. What a patient soul she is! Would like to meet other sisters, too. Will some of them of my own age, twenty-three, write me?

With a heart full of love and good wishes to our editor and all of COMFORT's relations, I am your new friend,

Mrs. J. G. BECK, Montpelier, Idaho.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

This is my first letter such as it is. I believe in that old saying: "Cast your bread upon the waters for after many days it will return to you." And that is the meaning I have given COMFORT, the bread that was cast upon the waters. I had no idea of subscribing for another book or magazine, but when a young woman came to my door one day last summer and asked me to take COMFORT, I said "no," in a hurry and the poor girl looked very white and discouraged. There was a big rocker in my kitchen and she looked at that and said: "Oh, please, may I sit down and rest a few moments for I am so tired." I said: "Certainly, come in." She told me her story. It was the same old one of course; a dissipated husband, a broken home and two darling little boys to take care of. She had them in the country then. I felt sorry for her and I went in and looked in my purse and found just enough change for a six months' subscription, and I said: "Here, if this will help you any send that paper to me for six months and I will see what is in it."

What a surprise was in store for me! Beginning with the first paper I began to "sit up and take notice" and when I found the sisters' letters I was so much interested I had to read everyone of them before I could put the paper down. What a grand idea that is! They are so very interesting.

We live in Buffalo, N. Y. There are three of us, my husband, mother and I, and we would like to move out West and take up land or something of that kind. Is there any place where poor people can go who are willing to work? Would some sister write me and tell me about their country. My husband is temperate and a good workman. He is foreman of the aerial construction for the Bell Telephone Co., but living is so very high here there is nothing saved. We would like a warmer climate on account of my mother, because as soon as snow flies she becomes a shut-in as she cannot walk on the slippery sidewalks.

Mrs. F. H. NOBLET, 640 North Division St., Buffalo, N. Y.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have always taken a great pleasure and interest in COMFORT Sisters' Corner. COMFORT has been highly appreciated in our home for a number of years, but this is my first attempt at correspondence and would like to suggest my remedy for rheumatism, it being oil of wintergreen, ten to fifteen drops, three times a day.

Will Nebraska sisters please give me any information regarding land, crops and climate in Nebraska as I am very much interested. Any information will be highly appreciated.

Mrs. HENRY DELNO, Elwood, Box 74, Ind.

Mrs. Delno. I want to add a word of advice regarding your excellent remedy for rheumatism, and that is, that oil of wintergreen acts on the heart and one care should be taken not to get an overdose. I have known it to be taken successfully in several cases, beginning with a small dose and keeping strict watch of the heart.—Ed.

## Comfort Sisters' Recipes and Everyday Helps

GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING CAKE.—First attention should be given to the oven, making sure that the fire is not too hot, and will remain even until the baking is done. Unless you have control of your fire do not attempt to bake cake.

Loaf cake requires less heat than thin cakes. If the oven is too hot at first or is suddenly cooled while the cake is baking the cake will be heavy. Loaf cake should bake as long again as thin cake. Divide the time of baking into quarters. The first quarter should show a rising with the edges higher than the center, the second a continued even rising with a slight brown tint, the third a deeper brown and the last a shrinking and settling.

If your cake rises and cracks in the center you are using too much flour; when it browns before rising, the oven is too hot.—Ed.

HOW TO PUT BUTTER CAKE MIXTURES TOGETHER.—Cream the butter with the hand or a large spoon, add sugar and cream again until very light. When the proportion of butter is small it may be put in with the eggs and sugar. Beat the yolks until light yellow, add to butter and sugar and beat again. Add flour, and then a little milk, then a little flour, a little milk again and so on until the milk and flour are all used and beat vigorously until your mixture is smooth. Add lastly the beaten whites.

Fruit should be added last, and fruit cake mixtures should be a little stiffer with flour.—Ed.

SPONGE CAKE MIXTURES.—Beat the yolks until they are light yellow and creamy and slowly beat in the sugar. Add flavoring and beating until the whites are stiff and beat again. Fold in without beating. Add flour lastly with a little stirring as possible as it makes the cake tough.—Ed.

OYSTERS ON TOAST.—Cut pieces of bread for toasting and place on each an oyster. Toast in a very hot oven and serve with salt, butter and pepper.

Miss ROSE BOLMER, Avon, R. R. 1, Box 81, Minn.

STUFFED POTATOES.—Choose potatoes of equal size, wash thoroughly, and bake. Cut each one in two, scoop out the contents carefully so as not to break the skin, beat it very smooth and light with salt, pepper and one ounce of butter, also the yolk of an egg to every three potatoes. If you have any cold meat on hand (cold veal, pork or lamb is the best) mince it finely and season. Into the empty potato shells put first a spoonful of the prepared potato, then a spoonful of the minced meat and then heap higher with the potato. Put a tiny bit of butter on top, place in the oven and brown. Serve immediately with parsley on top.

Miss FRANCES DALRYMPLE, Jutland, N. J.

SALMON SALAD.—One cup of pickles and four hard-boiled eggs chopped fine and added to one can of salmon shredded.

DRESSING.—One even tablespoonful of mustard, one tablespoonful each of butter and sugar, two tablespoonfuls of cream or milk, six tablespoonfuls of vinegar and one egg. Stir mustard and sugar together and add the other ingredients, the vinegar last. Let all come to a boil. Mix with prepared salmon.

Mrs. GEO. M. PEERY, Clinton, Ver. Co., Ind.

HOME-MADE HEALTH COFFEE.—I make a delicious drink at home by taking about one quart of corn meal, bran, or part wheat bran and mixing it with sufficient sorghum to moisten, and roasting in the oven till it begins to scorch, keeping it stirred. When it gets cold, pulverize and use a small pinch to each cupful to be served. We like this better than the factory made Postum.

TOMATO STEW.—An appetizing dish may be made with one can of tomatoes and two medium-sized onions chopped fine. Boil together till onions are tender, season with a bit of butter, pepper and salt and before removing from the fire stir in a heaping tablespoonful of flour moistened with a little water and boil a few minutes longer.

DROP CAKES.—One egg, one cup sugar, one rounding teaspoonful of butter, one and one half cups of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder, pinch of salt, and scant half cup of fresh milk. Flavor. They are nice for lunch and quickly made.

Mrs. JENNIE BRIDGEWATER, Birch Tree, Mo.

EVERLASTING YEAST.—Three medium-sized potatoes, two quarts of water, one and one half dissolved yeast cakes in one half cup lukewarm water, two teaspoonfuls salt and one half cup of sugar. Boil potatoes in two quarts of water, after which drain and mash. While still hot pour the water back and scald in a little flour. Add salt and sugar and set aside to cool. Lastly, add dissolved yeast and let stand overnight. In the morning, before thickening, save out two thirds of a quart jar full for next baking. Thicken sponge and set in a warm place to rise.

Mrs. GRACE (SMITH) HEFLEY, 1931 Pigott Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.

WINE DROPS.—One cup each of granulated sugar, molasses, shortening, chopped raisins and one egg. One teaspoonful each of cinnamon and cloves, four cups of flour and one rounded teaspoonful of soda in one cup of boiling water. Put together in the order given. Drop on tins, sprinkle with sugar and bake in moderate oven.

Mrs. L. F. NEWSON, Cayuga, Box 35, N. Y.

QUICK BUNS.—One quart of sifted flour, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one cup of sugar, one half teaspoonful each of cinnamon and salt. Sift all together, rub in two teaspoonfuls of lard or butter (not melted), add one beaten egg to two cups of sweet milk and stir into the prepared flour, making it about like biscuit dough. Roll two thirds of an inch thick, brush over with melted butter, cut and bake twenty-five minutes. Currants or raisins may be added. Good baked in shallow loaf.

Mrs. M. J. WOODBURY, Auburn, Maine.

CARAMEL CAKE.—Three cups of sugar creamed with one half cup of butter. Add two well-beaten eggs, two cups of sweet milk and three and one half cups of flour to which three teaspoonfuls of baking powder has been added.

CARAMEL FILLING.—One cup of light brown sugar, one half cup of water and butter size of small walnut, boiled together until it will "thread." Add one teaspoonful of vanilla and beat until creamy and pour over cake.

Mrs. ZORA MAE WHITE, Fall Branch, R. R. 3, Box 23, Tenn.

BANANA CAKE.—Beat to a cream two tablespoonfuls of butter and one cup of sugar. Add two eggs well beaten, two thirds of a cup of sweet milk and two cups of flour with two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Flavor with lemon or vanilla. Bake in three layers.

FILLING.—Roll one cup of sugar with one third of a cup of water until it can be blown from fork in feathers. Pour over well-beaten white of an egg and beat until cold. Rub four bananas through a sieve and stir into icing. Spread between layers.

Mrs. JOS. WOLF, Park Falls, Box 172, Wis.

CREAM SPONGE CAKE.—Two eggs well beaten and put into a cup and fill with sweet cream. Pour into mixing bowl and add one cup of sugar, one and one half cups of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder and a small pinch of salt. Stir all together and bake in moderate oven.

Mrs. M. J. DANIELS.

FRUIT CAKE WITHOUT EGGS.—One cup of sugar creamed with one cup of butter or lard, or mixed. Add one cup of molasses and beat. One cup of sour milk and one teaspoonful of soda and beat again. Add cinnamon and ginger, three cups of flour and one cup of raisins. Bake in moderate oven and keep a day or two before cutting.

Mrs. LIZZIE CROSS, Oakland, Box 73, Md.

CRACKERS.—One cup of butter, four cups of flour and one teaspoonful of soda rubbed together. Beat two eggs light and add two and one half cups of sugar and mix with flour. Roll thin and bake.

SQUASH PIE.—Steam or bake the squash. Mash and put through sieve. To one cup of squash add one egg, half a cup of sugar, one teaspoonful each of cinnamon and ginger and a little clove and salt and two cups of sweet milk. Bake in one crust.

ANNA MITCHELL, Cernleau, Box 2, Ky.

LEMON PIE.—Beat to a froth three small teaspoonfuls of sugar, the outside rind and juice of three lemons and the yolks of six eggs; then beat the whites to a very stiff froth, and stir into the sugar and other ingredients, adding three tablespoonfuls of milk. Bake in a moderate oven forty-five minutes. Thorough beating of the mixture and the slow baking are absolutely necessary to the success of the pies. Fine.

Mrs. D. C. TUCKER, Albermarle, N. C.

CANYASING HAM.—After the hams have been smoked down for eight or ten weeks, take them out and smoke well for three days. Make a paste by letting syrup come to a boil and thickening with flour; add a teaspoonful of red pepper. Smooth this over the ham, except where the skin is, then paste a thin cloth down over this. Wrap in paper and put in flour sack and it is ready to hang up.

Mrs. MYRTLE GARDNER, Moran, Texas.

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## The Love of Oatmeal What It Signifies

The growing child craves oatmeal and delights in it. The normal adult—working with muscle or brain—always retains a marked fondness for oats. It is the call of Nature for this food of all foods—for the elements we most require.

Note the facts that follow. Note why oatmeal—beyond anything else—feeds bodies and brains and nerves. These are the reasons why, within us all, some instinct calls for oats.

### Oats Build Bodies

Archdeacon Sinclair, in an address in London to working lads, said: "I had four brothers all six feet tall. My father had fourteen brothers and sisters, ranging from six feet to six feet eight inches. And all were brought up on oatmeal."

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That's why active boys love oats. That's why muscle workers thrive on oats as on nothing else.

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# RUBY'S REWARD

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## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Ralph Carpenter, a man of wealth, knowing his days are numbered, reveals to Walter Richardson, the son of Sadie Walcott, his early love, the story of his young life, his love for Walter's dead mother, their betrothal, separation, her marriage, his finding her in poverty and the promise to care for Walter as if he were his son and to tell him something when he becomes of age, also his anxiety for him to complete his education, provision for which he makes. In the midst of his talk Mr. Carpenter becomes suddenly ill, and while the nurse and Walter keep watch Edmund in the library finds his father's private papers and one, bearing the words "Last Will," slips through a crack in a quaint desk and is lost to sight. With a sigh of relief Edmund closes the desk. The father dies without making more known of his wishes for Walter and revealing his ancestry. A search is made for the will. Walter is anxious to complete his education and Edmund offers him the position of book-keeper at nine dollars a week with board for one year, and Edmund regards it as a matter of disrespect that the son of another woman is installed on an equal footing with him. Walter realizes his hard position. He goes to the city, meeting a young girl, who, through his assistance, escapes injury. He applies to Albert Conant, Architect and Builder, who advises a practical knowledge of the construction of buildings only acquired by learning the carpenter's trade. After three months of close application Walter asks for evening office work. Making rapid strides, Mr. Conant allows Walter to share with him in the preparation of plans for an elegant residence on the banks of the Schuylkill. He requests Walter to deliver them to a certain street and number. He knows the name is Gordon and is surprised to meet the young girl of his dream—a sister of Robert Gordon. Walter gives Mr. Gordon valuable information regarding the plans and as he leaves encounters Edmund Carpenter, who is to accompany Ruby to a party. He is surprised to meet Walter and is rude to him. Robert Gordon favors Edmund Carpenter's attentions to his sister. Ruby's estimate of Edmund Carpenter's character surprises her brother and awakens a new bond between them.

Mr. Robert Gordon and his wife give a reception to a noted poet, Mr. Whitfield. Owen Ruggles, an unbidden guest, comes three hundred miles to see the man that's walked into his heart with his sweet way of saying things. Ruby Gordon makes the man feel at ease and arranges for Mr. Whitfield to meet him. Standing near the library door, Ruby hears Edmund Carpenter, in an angry voice, expostulating with Owen Ruggles for his presence there. The conversation reveals his relationship. Edmund ignores it and Ruby learns that Walter Richardson was a protégé of Edmund's father and of Edmund's refusal to help him to an education. Owen Ruggles invites Ruby to visit at his home another summer. The next morning he calls upon Walter, who shows him every attention. Mr. Ruggles regrets that Walter does not finish his college course and offers to assist him. Walter refuses. He enjoys the independence of caring for himself.

Ruby Gordon, in company with her brother pays a visit to Owen Ruggles and his wife. That night Walter Richardson arrives. Ruby claims him as an old acquaintance to Mr. Ruggles' surprise and pleasure. Ruby learns from Walter's lips that Mr. Ralph Carpenter was Mr. Ruggles' half brother, also the story of his young life.

## CHAPTER XII.

**S**UCH a delightful week followed! The weather was perfect. It seemed as if there never had been such beautiful September days, "crown jewels of the year," Ruby called them, for scarcely a cloud obscured the sky during all that delectable time, and every morning the young girl was up with the lark to see the sun rise—a sight which she had previously very rarely enjoyed.

"The witches have cast their beauty-spell over her since she came up here; though what for is more'n I can tell, for she was as sweet as an angel before," Farmer Ruggles remarked to his wife, one morning, as Ruby tripped into the dining-room, absolutely bewitched in her dainty white wrapper with a bunch of cardinal flowers—Walter's morning offering—fastened in her belt.

Robert Gordon overheard the remark, and smiled wisely at the sentiment of the good man. He had not been blind during the few days of their visit there. He had discovered Walter's growing attachment for his beautiful sister, and he had begun to realize also that she was happier in his society than she had ever been before.

He liked the young man. He had learned considerable regarding his history from Mr. Ruggles, and he admired his energy and independence as well as his honor and manliness. He resolved that if Ruby should learn to love this noble young man, he would never lay a straw in the way of her happiness, even though he possessed nothing but his honest heart and good right hand to offer her.

So he smiled indulgently when they arranged to go off upon little excursions by themselves, and he went to the mines, or over the farm, or down to the village, with Mr. Ruggles, who appeared to think it was all right, only he could not refrain from remarking once, with a quizzical glance at Ruby, that he "guessed there was one Philadelphia gallant who could make his place good after all."

Ruby blushed rosily at this shaft, but she shook her golden head at him, and retorted, with an arch glance at Walter:

"That was very naughty of you, Mr. Ruggles, when you know my inquisitive brother has monopolized all your time, and I should have fared hard if that same Philadelphia gallant had not taken pity on me."

Mr. Ruggles only nodded a smiling return to her for this repartee; but he went away chuckling to himself, and murmuring that he guessed "pity had precious little to do in the matter, anyway."

The day before the Gordons were to return home, Walter asked the farmer if he would trust him to drive his span—the young couple had been using a single buggy on their excursions—and allow him to take Ruby to see a beautiful natural bridge that spanned a mountain stream some twelve miles distant.

"Yes, indeed," the man replied, heartily; "I'd trust you with anything I have in the world, my boy; and, as I know the horses are gentle, and the roads safe, though steep in spots, you shall have them, and welcome. It's a pretty trip," he added, "and I'm right glad you thought to take Miss Gordon to see the bridge. Perhaps Mr. Gordon would like to go along, too."

But that gentleman was more interested in coal-beds, and the sinking of shafts, etc., than in natural bridges, and remarked that he thought they would do very well without him.

Mr. Ruggles informed them, however, that a gentleman and his wife, who were visiting about a mile below them, were intending to make the same trip that day, and doubtless would be glad of company. So the young couple waited until the strangers made their appearance, and then went off with a basket of lunch, "such as," Walter said, "only good Mother Ruggles knew how to put up."

The day was perfect itself, the air pure and invigorating, and the horses sped over the mountain road at a spanking pace, as if realizing that youth and vigor were behind them, and would not be content to jog along in any prosy fashion. Every mountain was gorgeous with autumnal coloring, for the foliage was at its height of splendor.

Ruby was in ecstasies. "I never before saw so much beauty!" she cried, rapturously; "and I believe I will never go to a fashionable watering-place again. Nature is far more charming. I will go to the mountains. Their grandeur impresses me as nothing else ever did."

"Would you like to live among them always?" Walter asked.

"No; I hardly think I should," she answered, thoughtfully. "I believe I should miss the ad-

vantages of city life. It must be very lonely here in the winter, when one would have to be shut away in the house a great deal of the time; but it is very nice in summer, if one can have pleasant company."

"You are fond of society, Miss Gordon?" "Yes, I am; I am free to confess it," Ruby answered, smiling. "I love life, sparkle, gaiety, and I believe I am fitted for society. I imagine that my mission lies in the great, busy world where I live."

"Your mission?" questioned Walter in surprise. The idea of this bright, winsome girl—who seemed made only for sunshine and pleasure—having a "mission" in life, had never occurred to him.

"Yes. Don't you think that everybody has a mission, Mr. Richardson?" Ruby asked, lifting a pair of very earnest eyes to his face.

"I suppose that every one ought to have some aim or purpose in life," he replied, musingly.

"Yes, indeed; everybody ought!" she said, decidedly. "But that is a little different from what I mean. One can have an 'aim and purpose' in life, and yet be wholly selfish. My idea is, that everyone has been appointed some special work to do outside of one's self, and if we neglect to do it we miss the chief purpose for which we were put into the world. Have you ever thought of it?"

"Not exactly in that way," Walter replied. "I have always felt that I wanted to make the most of myself, mentally and morally, and to educate myself for that position to which I was best adapted and where I could do the most good."

"That amounts to about the same thing," said Ruby; "but it is very hard to decide that question. Now, I have not made up my mind that I am especially fitted for anything. But one thing I have discovered that I can do, when I try, and that is, to make those around me happy. That is why I like plenty of company. I enjoy making people and things harmonize. If I see persons sad or discontented, I like to say or do something to lift the clouds and make them feel comfortable. I have often wondered what my real work in the world is to be. I do not believe that it has come to me yet. I have always lived such a pleasant, sunny life, with no cares or trouble, I have sometimes felt that I was a very useless piece of humanity, so it has seemed to me that the very least I could do was to try and make happy those with whom I came in contact."

Walter regarded her with almost a feeling of reverence.



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It was sufficient to make him happy simply to have her sitting there beside him, with that sweet, earnest expression upon her lovely face, and to listen to the beautiful thoughts that fell from her lips.

He was surprised that such grave reflections and questionings should have a place in her pretty head, and she seemed inexpressibly charming and attractive to him in this unusual mood. "If this world were only full of such people, what a delightful place it would be!" he remarked, a tender smile curling his expressive mouth.

"It is a delightful place to me, anyway," Ruby answered, brightly. "I suppose I find it so because everybody is so kind to me; but I know that there is a great deal of sadness and hardship in it, and the knowledge often troubles me. I wonder why it need be so. It must be very hard to be poor—to be ill and in want. I have always had plenty of money; I have always been well, and my mother has guarded me from every trouble."

"Are your parents living?" Walter asked.

"No. My father died before my birth, and I lost my mother when I was very young; so Robert has been everything to me all my life. I could imagine no greater sorrow coming to me than that of losing my noble brother," she concluded, with a sigh, and a wistful expression clouding her young face, as if the shadow of some coming evil had suddenly fallen upon her.

"Yours has indeed been a very bright and beautiful life thus far, and I wish that it may be so until the end," Walter said, earnestly.

"Thank you," Ruby replied, a smile chasing the graver expression from her face; "but perhaps that might not be just the best thing for me. Now, what good fortune can I wish for you?"

The young man's face kindled at this question. He longed to tell her that the best fortune that could possibly come to him would be to win the love of her own pure, true heart; to have the assurance that some day she would become his wife, to walk with him through life, and help to ennoble it with the constant interchange of such grand and holy sentiments as he had enjoyed today.

But he could not say this to her now, if, indeed, he should ever dare to aspire to so much.

"Wish," he said, bending to look into her eyes, and speaking very earnestly, "that I may grow to be so noble and good that I may ever be worthy of your friendship and esteem."

"You are worthy of that now," she answered; "and I have always felt since we first met that day on the horsecar, that I should be glad to have you for my friend."

"Have you?" Walter said, eagerly. "Thank you for telling me. You do not know how much good you have done me by saying so."

"It was a very little thing to tell," Ruby returned, shyly, with a flush on her cheek, for his manner had expressed a great deal.

"A little thing to you, perhaps; but when a fellow is all alone in the world, the trifles, especially if they are kindly trifles, sometimes

amount to a great deal," the young man returned, with a quiver of feeling in his voice that betrayed how much the kindly little speech had been to him.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### WHAT THE ECHOES SAID.

They had been slowly ascending a high hill during the conversation just recorded, but now they had reached the top, and Ruby turned to look back over the way they had come, and, as she uttered a cry of delight, Walter stopped the horses to give her an opportunity to appreciate the view.

There were hills everywhere, with rich little valleys between, each one, in its dress of varied hues, like some superb gem that catches a thousand lights from the diadem in which it is set. All the beauty of a glorious summer seemed concentrated in the magnificent scene. A beautiful river, winding in and out like a thread of silver embroidered in quaint designs on nature's vesture, seemed almost like a thing of life as it glittered and sparkled in the sunshine, while here and there along its banks thrifty villages nestled lovingly among the emerald, and ruby, and gold, with now and then a heavenward-pointing spire, which told that nature's beauty-dispensing God was not forgotten in the enjoyment of His bountiful gifts. Above and over all was the deep blue vault of heaven, spotted with white, fleecy clouds that made shifting and fantastic shadows over hill and dale.

"Did you ever see anything like it before?" said Ruby, under her breath.

"Yes, for I have looked upon the same scene many times. I never tire of it, however, and I was sure you would appreciate it," he replied. "Appreciate it! It is delight simply to look upon so much beauty."

"Indeed it is," the young man agreed, but he was thinking more of the loveliness of the expressive face, with its earnest eyes, fluctuating color, and tenderly smiling lips, upon which he was gazing, than of the view spread out below them.

Ruby flushed. She could not fail to perceive that his interest was centered in her.

"Such wonderful hills," she murmured. "See how they sit each in its place as if enthroned on an eternal king and crowned with glory from the beginning. Oh, Mr. Richardson, what a rare pleasure you are giving me today."

"I wish I might give you pleasure every day of your life, if I could but occasionally win such



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a charming return," Walter responded, in a thrilling tone, his luminous eyes betraying how deeply she had stirred the inmost feelings of his heart.

"I shall never forget it," she said, turning away from his eager look, for her cheeks were flushing beneath it. Then she added: "Are we far from the bridge, now?"

"No, we can soon be there. Are you ready to go?"

"Yes," she assented, casting one more lingering look behind her; and on they went over the top of the mountain, and began to descend on the other side.

Shortly after, Walter turned aside from the road into an open space where the underbrush had been cleared from beneath three noble oaks, and, dismounting, hitched his horses to a ponderous ring that had been driven into one of the trees for that purpose.

"This is a favorite resort for parties," Walter explained, "and you perceive that arrangements have been made for their convenience."

He then assisted Ruby to alight, and led the way along a well-trodden path, through a thick growth of pine and cedar, toward the natural curiosity which he had come to show her.

They were obliged to walk some distance, and at length came out near what appeared to be a gorge, where huge boulders and masses of rock rose up on either side far above them, and then sloped away beneath into what seemed to be a fathomless abyss.

A little farther on and Ruby uttered an exclamation of astonishment; for before and far above them, spanning the gorge, with a perfect and symmetrical arch, was a beautiful, moss-grown, ivy-draped bridge, fashioned by nature's own hand.

"Oh, how little it makes one feel!" said the young girl, in an awed tone, while her eyes roved up above the almost perpendicular mountain side opposite them, where, in some places, the gigantic walls of granite seemed as smooth as if they had been cloven with some ponderous instrument of steel.

"Yes, indeed," observed Mr. Marshall. "Man seems but an atom, compared with such a scene; and yet he has power to subdue and make subservient his needs even such stupendous things as those solid mountains and rocks."

"I think we will deposit our baskets in some safe spot, for they will be a burden to us; then I will take you under the arch, and let you look up. You will then get some idea of the height of the structure. How high do you suppose it is from the bottom of that abyss?" Walter asked.

"I am sure I have no idea," replied Ruby; "more than a hundred feet, perhaps."

Her companion laughed.

"Do you see that large flat rock which projects about midway over the chasm?"

"Yes."

"Well that is more than two hundred feet below the bridge, and a line of three hundred more will barely reach to the bottom of the cavern below."

"I cannot imagine it," returned Ruby, with a look of wonder.

"You will realize it when you stand upon that flat rock. Have you nerve enough to go to the edge and look down?" Walter asked, as the party moved on.

"Yes," the young girl replied, "if you will hold my hand, and promise to keep me from falling."

Walter's face flushed.

"I do not need to promise that," he said, in a low tone. "You know I would let no harm come to you."

A thrill ran through Ruby's heart at these low, earnest words, and her lovely eyes drooped beneath the light that had suddenly leaped into his.

Presently they reached the table-rock which Walter had pointed out to them.

"It is much larger than I thought," remarked Mr. Marshall, as he stepped upon it, and looked around him with some surprise.

"It measures a hundred feet across," said Walter, smiling. "Will you come to the edge, and look down?"

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall thought they did not care to; they could see all they wished where they were; but Ruby was eager to look down into those awe-inspiring depths.

Walter led her to where a huge shaft or mass of rock arose as a support to the bridge.

"This is the safest place to look over," he said. "Are you sure you will not get dizzy? Perhaps it would be wiser not to look after all."

"Oh, I would not miss it for anything; I want to see all there is to see, now that I am here," she returned eagerly.

"Then give me your hand and do not fear, for I shall brace myself against this rock, and you will be perfectly safe."

Ruby placed her hand unhesitatingly in his, and his fingers closed over it in a strong, assuring clasp, while a thrill of pleasure ran through him at this evidence of her implicit trust in him.

Then Ruby leaned forward and looked into the chasm, and her heart almost ceased its beating as she thus realized something of the immensity of space between that shelf upon which she was standing and those weird depths below.

Ruby stood motionless there for more than a minute. She was almost fascinated by the horror of the place and the possibilities of impending peril. How little a thing, she thought, would serve to precipitate her upon those cruel rocks, whose sharp and ragged points she could just discern reaching up out of the gloomy depths. She tried to imagine what the sensation would be to fall from such a height. She wondered how long it would take to reach the bottom, and if one would be apt to lose consciousness before the awful crash could come.

A nervous thrill ran through her like electricity, and her little fingers closed almost convulsively around Walter's, as she drew back from the abyss and lifted a white, awed face to his.

"Are you frightened?" he asked, anxiously, as he drew her still farther away.

"No, not really frightened, although I should be if you were not here," she answered, naively, and still clinging to him, as if in him lay all her strength and protection. "It is very awe-inspiring," she added, with a long-drawn breath; "how dreadful it would be to fall into such a place."

"No one has ever fallen here."

"No, but I have read of those who have fallen into the crevasses of glaciers among the Alps, and I never realized before what such a fall would be."

"You cannot realize it now, I hope," Walter responded, gently, for her color had not yet returned.

"I suppose not," she answered, smiling, "but I have a more vivid idea of it than I ever had before."

"Look up," her companion said, desirous of chasing the unpleasant expression from her mind.

Ruby obeyed.

"How wonderful!" she cried; "I never would have believed it was so high, looking at the arch from a distance. How very little we should appear to anyone standing there above us!"

"Yes, indeed; veritable atoms or pygmies. But I have another surprise for you."

"Another! How much pleasure you are giving me today, Mr. Richardson!"

Again that luminous light, which she had seen once before, sprang into his eyes; for the young man longed to tell her that she had contributed more of pleasure to his life in that short week than he had known during all the dreary two years since Ralph Carpenter died.

He looked around for their companions, but they had moved away to some little distance, and were seated upon a boulder enjoying in a quiet way the grandeur of the scenery all about them.

"May I call you by your first name just for once, Miss Gordon?" Walter asked, a peculiar gentleness in his tones. "I have a desire to know how it will sound repeated among these grand old rocks."

"Oh! is there an echo?" exclaimed Ruby, in a delighted tone, as she comprehended his meaning. "Yes, there is a very fine one; it will repeat itself at least fifteen times when the conditions are favorable."

"That is charming! Yes, use my name if you like and the girl bent her pretty head in a listening attitude to catch the echo, but there was no lack of color in her face now."

Walter filled his lungs and called out the name that he had learned to love so well, and the echoes, catching up the sound, called, "Ruby, Ruby," with a strange, tender cadence, that brought a deeper flush to the owner's cheeks, and an unusual flutter to her heart; while it seemed to the young man as if numberless elves and sprites, invisible inhabitants of the place, were shouting it back and forth with a peculiar significance, as if in mockery of the secret they had discovered and were bound to betray.

"Isn't it wonderful?" Ruby cried; "you can hardly believe that people are not concealed all about you, willfully mocking you, like the boy of whom I used to read in my first reader, when I was a little girl. I could almost believe in the existence of ghosts if I were here alone. Now I am going to call you."

And opening her red lips she shouted out his name with all the strength of her musical voice, and those tones and the accompanying echoes rang in his ears for months afterward.

They tried many words after that. Ruby sang sweet, bird-like notes and clapped her hands. Walter whistled, and, gathering a handful of stones, they threw them into the chasm, and listened to the reverberations which they produced as they went bounding from rock to rock in the depths below.

At last, wearied with the sport, they joined their companions, and Walter proposed they leave their lunch before ascending to the bridge.

This they all agreed to, for even our young friends were very unpoetically hungry, and eager to inspect the contents of Mrs. Ruggles' well-filled basket.

Walter brought the carriage robes and spread them upon the grass, where they spent a social half-hour refreshing themselves and chatting upon various interesting topics.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

Lunch over, Walter brought water from an icy spring near by, which his friends preferred to the cold coffee and tea which they had found with the other contents of their baskets, and

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## Comfort Sisters' Corner

### Comfort Sisters' Recipes and Every-day Helps

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**CORN MEAL MUFFINS.**—One cup of flour, one half cup of corn meal, one quarter of a cup of sugar, one quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, one egg, one cup of sweet or sour milk, one tablespoonful of melted butter. If sweet milk is used, use three even teaspoonfuls of baking powder. If sour, use one teaspoonful of soda. Sift dry ingredients together, add egg and milk well beaten. Lastly beat in butter and bake in gem pan twenty to thirty minutes. Same can be steamed.

GENEVIEVE LENT, Norwalk, Ohio.

**DOUGHNUTS.**—Three eggs, one cup of sugar, pinch of salt, one half teaspoonful of grated nutmeg, one cup of sweet milk, three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, three heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Put beaten yolks in mixing bowl with nutmeg, salt and sugar, beat until creamy, add beaten whites, then the milk and two cups of flour with baking powder, then the butter and more flour and knead.

MRS. NELO SMITH, Milltown, Wis.

**FOUDANT.**—Four cups of granulated sugar and one quarter of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar stirred together, then add two cups of boiling water and stir until dissolved. Cook over a quick fire until a little dropped in cold water will harden and crack against side of cup. Beat until partly cool and add a cup of grated coconut, or any chopped nut meats. Work with hands until soft, press into flat cakes and cut into blocks when cold.

**WALNUT CREAMS.**—Make small balls of the plain foudant, press flat and into each side half a walnut meat.

**CHOCOLATE CREAMS.**—Melt chocolate over a steaming teakettle, and with a fork dip in small cakes of the plain foudant. Set to cool on greased paper. Nut meats may be set into chocolate coating before it hardens.

Figs, dates, jellies or candied fruits make delicious candy when combined with plain foudant.

MRS. EVELYNA HAYLEWOOD, Tarkio, Mo.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:**  
I will kindly ask of you all if I may join your charming company, for it is too lonesome to sit way back here in this out-of-the-way corner and listen to the rest of you chatting away, and doing all the good you possibly can for others. Your letters have been greatly appreciated.

Just lately, in my book of life I was compelled to record my twenty-first birthday, but in spite of this I am pretty well experienced in many kinds of work. I am the happiest when out in the fields driving the team. And then again I like to stay in the house when there is any canning to be done for it is one of my great delights in housekeeping. I enjoy sewing and well do I remember the first I ever attempted. I was only about twelve years old, but in spite of all this I was determined that I would make a calico dress for myself. I got along very well with my dollies' sewing, and of course I was sure that I would get along as well with my own. But very soon I was disappointed, for after cutting out my dress I found there was not one part of it that seemed to fit to suit me, but I kept on working at it until I was completely tired out with a set of unstrung nerves, and so I put it away and did not look at it again for at least six weeks. I started again with the highest ambition that a child ever had and after working real hard for a few days, why my new dress was finished. I thought then I had earned at least a dozen such dresses with all my hard work. But I have been well paid for it all, for now I can sew quite well and like to sew, too, and don't have the trouble now as I did at twelve. So I always say and think this way "try and try again, you'll succeed at last."

Now flowers shall be my last subject. Where is there any better company than the flowers for those that care for them and love them? I have been a faithful raiser of flowers ever since I was strong enough to care for them. I raise them outside during the summer months and inside during the winter. Sometimes of course I don't have as good luck as I could wish for, but then I never get discouraged. Sweet oil is very good for ferns; a few drops about twice a week. Water in which meat has been washed is good for other house plants. I do not slip plants during the month of September as this is liable to kill the plants which you slip.

In ending will say that I would like to see the paper that can come up with COMFORT. I believe there is none! Your friend and sister,

GEORGE ODETTE, Flat Rock, R. R. 1, L. 74, Wayne Co., Mich.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:**  
I have been a reader of COMFORT about eight years and enjoy it and have gotten many good ideas from it, and now I am coming to ask a favor of some sister. I have a little boy seven years old that is ruptured, and I want directions for making a home-made belt or truss. I saw such directions once, but have forgotten where. I feel sure I will find it by writing COMFORT.

I wish I knew something interesting to write about but do not.

Will any sister who knows about the belt please write me at once as I want my little boy to have it immediately. I shall be very grateful.

MRS. W. A. RAYBURN, Coffeeville, Box 3, Miss.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:**  
I am a new subscriber for the dear old COMFORT and how I love to read the interesting letters. I am very sorry I did not know of COMFORT sooner when I think of all the good reading I have missed. I am going to my home in Florida soon and would like to have some honest woman or girl stay with me as my husband will have to stay in W. Va. a while longer. Maybe the sisters could tell me of someone who would like a home and stay with me for company. Someone who has lived on a farm preferred.

MRS. BEATRICE BOWEN, McMechen, W. Va.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:**  
I have long since been an ardent admirer and constant reader of our precious COMFORT. God bless its editor and dear Uncle Charlie, who being a shut-in, has my heart-felt sympathy as I, too, am a partial shut-in, and Uncle Charlie is the fortunate possessor of my favorite of all meals names. My dear little babe, two and one half years of age bears that pretty name, Charles. My darling husband, whose life was crushed out by a cave-in at the Ophir mine in Oregon on August 20th, 1910, was also named Charles.

My dear sisters, I am left without that dear Charles—a cripple and an invalid, on the mercies of this cold world with three little children to support. I came with them from Baker City, Oregon, in September, to be near my people, for, as you can realize, I am extremely sad and lonely, and my babies who were never sick in bed a day in their lives while living in the Golden West, have been sick the greater part of the time since coming here. The climate is so different. It has been warm and sunny here the most of the winter, like balmy days of May. No snow to speak of and roads in excellent condition. Walnut is a lovely little city, with the M. K. T. and Santa Fe railroads running through it. Several business houses, five churches and no saloons.

Christmas was the only day dear sisters, since the tragic death of my dear beloved husband that my tears did not flow copiously. I am lonely, oh! so sad and lonely without him, and wish all who can would write me, although I cannot promise a reply. I would like so much to have some pieces of ribbon, silk scraps, or anything in the embroidery line.

Thanking all in advance for any kind favor and with heartfelt wishes to each dear sister.

I am yours lovingly at the foot of the Cross,

MRS. CHAS. GRAHAM, Walnut, Kansas.

**DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:**  
May I say a few words of praise for dear old COMFORT? I don't think I could get along without it. I like the Sisters' Corner, and also the stories. I am twenty-four years old, five feet one and one half inches tall, weigh about one hundred and thirty-five pounds, blue eyes, light hair. I have been married three years and have two of the dearest little girls. One is two years old and the baby is nine months. I don't think home is complete without children, do you sisters?

I will tell you of this country. We came here last July from Coeur D'Alene City, Idaho. You will find this part of the country a rolling prairie, the soil is very black and sandy, the sub soil a heavy clay.

Our crops this season were rather small, only twelve bushels to the acre. We have a half section of land, and we are going to try our luck at farming in the spring. This is a fine place for a poor man to get a start. We would like to see our neighborhood settled with families so we could have schools. If any of the sisters wish to know more of this country, kindly write me as I would be more than pleased to give all the information I can.

In closing I wish COMFORT and our editor a long life.

MRS. CHAS. TIDWELL, Chaplin Sask., Canada.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

As I never have read a letter from this part of the state, I thought I would drop in for a short chat. I too, must express my love and appreciation for COMFORT and all its workers. I have not been a subscriber very long, but expect to be from this on.

We live in the western part of Indiana, in the great coal mining district, in sight of seven large shafts. The seven produces about ten or twelve thousand tons daily. Wages are ninety-five cents per ton. Day work is two dollars and seventy cents a day. Boys over fourteen and under sixteen get one dollar and twenty-five cents a day. Board from four dollars and fifty cents to six dollars a week. Everything is high priced here.

I am the mother of eight children; seven boys and one girl. I can deeply sympathize with those who have lost their loved ones for I have a dear father and mother and two little boy companions in that blissful clime and hope some day to meet them, never to part, and then all tears will be wiped from our eyes. I have a boy sixteen years old who is trapping in the mine. Another boy fourteen years old does odd jobs wherever he can find them. Two boys and one girl are in school and have a mile and a half to go.

It is cold here and snow on the ground.

Mrs. Louis Dittburner. I know how to sympathize with you on getting nervous with children, for I am very nervous, especially when they cry.

Mrs. Annie Adamson. I never could make good pie crust until I read your recipe and tried it. I find so many good recipes in dear old COMFORT that I cut out and save most of them.

My husband was stricken with tuberculosis a year ago in February and hasn't been able to work since. He has tried all the doctors here and all kinds of medicine he could hear of, and everything has failed to help him. Dear editor, do you think a change of climate would do any good? We lost our darling baby three months ago. He was nine months old and just beginning to talk. Dear sisters, I am very sad and lonely without him, but God knows best.

In closing will say I should be pleased to receive letters from you.

MRS. GEO. M. PERRY, Clinton, Ver. Co., Ind.

Mrs. Perry. Your letter tells us that you are enduring some severe trials, but with a brave and faithful heart. It would appear that a change of climate might be beneficial to your husband. Arizona and Colorado are both noted resorts for people suffering from pulmonary diseases. Out-of-door life, regular habits, nourishing and easily digested food, plenty of sleep and a mild form of exercise constitute the best treatment for these cases.

We shall be interested to hear from you again Mrs. Perry, and I hope you may be able to say that your husband is improving.

To those two helpful boys I send this message: Keep close to your dear mother, be her helper and companion in her every-day life. No one can appreciate it as she will, and you in years to come will be glad, and realize that while traveling hand-in-hand with her you were developing traits that are found in our best beloved countrymen. Keep straight ahead boys!—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

As I have been a silent reader of the Sisters' Corner for so many years I will try and describe myself and I suppose there will be many a smile when this is read. I am a mother and grandmother, having a large family of children nine of whom are living, six are married and what a happy family we are when all together.

I am fifty-two years old, a farmer's wife, and do nursing at odd times.

As I felt to do something for COMFORT shut-ins, I send in some small five cent subscriptions and also my renewal. If all the subscribers would do the same how happy some poor shut-in would be!

Don't think I am this old and have not found some crosses to bear in this world. But I am trying to serve God and have that faith that He will carry us through if we but do His will. Now may God bless you and all that are faithfully trying to aid the suffering ones is the wish of one of your devoted readers.

MRS. JOHN C. DUPLER, Bainbridge, R. R., Pa.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been a reader of COMFORT for a long time and am going to send in my mite. Mrs. Kinch. I have suffered a great deal from kidney trouble, sometimes my back would be so bad that I could hardly get out of a chair, or turn myself I bed. About five months ago I began to drink a little cold water that I could; say two cups before breakfast and as much as I could between meals and at bedtime, not drinking any with my food. I have no trouble with my kidneys now, neither do I feel any lameness to speak of. You may think as I did that that is too simple; but I think it has helped me.

With best wishes to you all.

MRS. EMMA L. BRADFORD, Waldoboro, Maine.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have often thought of writing to our corner and when I read Mrs. Henderson's request for the song, "Scatter Seeds of Kindness," I decided to do so.

My what should we all do without COMFORT? I live in southeast Kansas where it is very rough and rocky. There is a good deal of sandstone here, but not much used for building purposes.

I am a farmer's wife, twenty-five years old the 7th of Sept. Who has the same birthday?

Our crops were a failure this year on account of the drought. We farmed in Missouri last year and our crops failed there on account of drought so you see we have had two bad years together. I am one of those that always says "well it might have been worse." However so, although if I get the "blues," they don't last long. We are all strong and healthy and that is better than good crops.

We have three children, two girls with a boy between aged four, three and one, so you see I have something to do. I do quite a little drawwork and have some patterns of my own make.

As many of you express your ideas of Woman's Rights, will say I don't think a woman should vote just as "hobby" does simply because he votes that way. Study all ideas and choose the best whether it is his way or no.

I enjoy the talks on rearing children and they have helped me so much.

Try cleaning your nickel plumbing and porcelain bath tub with baking soda, also oil cloths on tables or shelves.

Skimmed milk will make an oiled floor shine.

Wishing you all a happy and successful year, am,

MRS. STELLA GARDNER BAKER, Sedan, Kans.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

What paper is dearer than COMFORT? I want to express myself on the subject of voting, and I do not mean to hurt anyone's feelings; these are simply my ideas.

I am not one of the voting women for if woman be taken out of her sphere—so large and so important that the poet has well said: "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world," if she gets before the public as a voter, I think she gets into a position of great danger, as woman was meant to be a true wife and a happy mother endeavoring to make her family happy and rejoice in their manifestations of appreciation of her efforts. I think the unnatural conditions would spoil her womanhood and make her mannish. Nature has set the metes and bounds of the sexes, not only in physical contour, but equally in qualities of heart and head—adapting each to the other so thoroughly that any interference with, or disregard of her laws is sure to work injury in the end, however beneficial the changes may temporarily appear to be. The quality of approbateness which nature has so freely bestowed upon woman and which rightly exercised is so helpful to her, to her home and family is almost certain to become a snare to her if exercised toward the public. The very womanliness of woman renders her peculiarly liable, not only to stumble herself in her attempt to shine, but liable also to stumble others, and the Apostle writes: "I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over a man but to be in silence." 1 Tim. 2:11,12.

Your well wisher.

MRS. J. V. MIX, Vacaville, Solano Co., Cal.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have taken COMFORT for about ten years, but didn't write as I thought I could not do as much good as others did, not being gifted to write. I enjoy the letters and we have a great love for Uncle Charlie, too. May God spare him in the good work he is doing.

We have a good farm and a good situation, but as my husband has lung trouble, we would like to sell our farm and go elsewhere, to a more favorable place for him.

Do the sisters know of a suitable place in a farming community? Please write us for which we would be very thankful.

Dear sisters, we send our children to Sunday school.

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## Madam, It Can't Be Done

No matter how skillful one is as a cook, one cannot make beans digestible in a home oven. It simply can't be done.

Some housewives say they prefer home-baked beans. Perhaps pride in one's skill has to do with it.

Men almost universally prefer Van Camp's.

But the real question isn't of pride, taste or convenience. It's a question of simple digestion. Beans can't be made digestible in any home oven. They will invariably, when eaten, ferment and form gas.

Think how little it matters how good a food is if digestion is hard or impossible.

The center of the baking dish rarely gets heated above 100 degrees. That's not half enough heat for beans.

The top beans may be crisped, but not the beans farther down. Their granules remain unbroken, so the digestive juices cannot act.

Beans should be baked at 245 degrees. They should be baked in small parcels so the full heat goes through. They should be baked in live steam so the fierce heat won't crisp the beans or burst them.

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This wholesale baking is naturally cheaper than home baking if one figures fuel.

The beans come to your table with the freshly-baked flavor—just as though baked at home.

Both the pork and tomato sauce are baked with the beans, supplying a delicious blend. And the beans are always ready to serve in a minute. You can keep a dozen meals on the shelf.

Those are some of the reasons why a million housewives have ceased to bake their own beans, and are using Van Camp's.

Beans are a premier food—23 per cent nitrogenous, 84 per cent nutriment. Richer than beef in food value—cheaper by about two-thirds. They can be served hot or cold in a dozen ways which everybody likes. They form a hearty meal by themselves.

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We pick out by hand, from the choicest beans grown, just the whitest and plumpest beans. We make our tomato sauce from whole, vine-ripened tomatoes, though it costs us five times what common sauce would cost. And we have spent 48 years in learning how to bake beans like these. You will never know how good beans can be until you get the real Van Camp's.

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# Handy, Easy-to-Make Articles for Kitchen Household Helps

## A Unique Window Awning

The glare of the sun through one's window may be a healthful agent, but the location of a window may make it injurious to the eyes. Then too, it fades carpets and wall paper and makes a warm roosting place for flies. If, for those reasons, you deem a window shade indispensable why not let nature provide it? The drawing explains how. Tack a barrel-hoop on the window frame and run strings from it to the top of the window. Train a morning glory or other vine to grow across the strings and it will soon cover them completely. It is easy to see that you can make a thing of beauty out of this simple and practical idea.

NATURE'S AWNING.

## A Bread Raiser

If you will make and use this bread raiser, I feel certain that you would not part with it for ten times the amount of money you spend for COMFORT for a whole year. The quickest way to explain it is to say that it is simply a box with one shelf in the center and a glass door in front. The latter feature enables you to see the sponge without opening the door and letting out the heat. Set the raiser on top of the stove where the heat is mild and even. A little experimenting will teach you just where it can be used to best advantage. The plan is a proven one and you should not fail to utilize it. The bread is kept from the air, a crust will not form on top while rising and no direct heat reaches it—three important things to insure good bread.

THE TEMPERATURE IS EVEN.

## A Dish-pan Support

As a general rule the sink pan is too low for comfort in washing dishes, and the result is tired backs and ruffled tempers. The wooden support shown here can be made in a half hour by the boy of the house. An onion crate or a soap box will be material enough. Show him this plan and bid him get busy. He will be glad to do so and you will wonder why you ever did without it so long. When not in use the frame can be hung under the sink or outside the door.

## Fresh Air Closet

In the north and east, cellars are used to preserve food and produce. In the south and west open air is the preservative and elevated sheds are used. The drawing shows a southern style refrigerator that might be used to good advantage in any locality. It is simply a small shed built on high posts and arranged so that pure air can circulate through it at all times. It is useful as a storing place for dried fruits, smoked meats, seeds, bulbs and such stuff, but of course, anything injured by frost must not be so exposed in the severe weather. If you take the trouble to have such a house built so many uses will arise for it that you will wonder how you got along without it.

## A Pail Truck

Scrubbing and mopping should both come under the heading "Household drudgery." Not the easiest part of either is moving the pail from place to place. The simple truck pictured here will relieve you of much of this back-breaking work. It is so easy to make too, and costs practically nothing. In fact it is nothing more than a short piece of plank, with three casters fitted in to holes in the under side. If you make it out of light boards nail them together with two cross cleats as shown. Study the drawings and you will be able to tell your husband just how you want it made, or better still get out the hammer and saw and make it yourself.

## A Handy Shelf

This little take-down shelf consists of a flat wide board hinged to the wall and supported by a brace that is hinged to the wall at its base or lower end. The shelf is handy for mixing bread, washing dishes, as a serving table, or a resting place for hot bread or pastry. When not in use it hangs flat against the wall and occupies very little space. The place to put the shelf is a question you can best decide for yourself. The kitchen, storeroom or back porch are perhaps the most desirable locations for it. You can make it more elaborate if you wish, the idea.

## Ironing Board Cover

Here is a plan for covering your ironing board that will take less cloth than the usual slip over kind. The saving in cloth however, is not the advantage we wish to put forth. Neatness, simplicity and smoothness are the points in which it excels. Fig. 1 shows the shape of the three pieces that form it and the way they are stitched together. The holes like "X" are for lacing. The two loops, shown in Fig. 2 are to slip over nail heads in the end of the board. A cover of this kind can be removed or put on very quickly, and is always tight and free from wrinkles.

## Ironing Board Closet

The closet, whose use is clearly explained by the picture can be cut into the wall by removing the plaster and lath and lining with tin or thin boards. A couple of small shelves for irons, wax, holders and other accessories are put in at the lower end. The ironing board has one hinged leg upon which it rests while in use, the other end being screwed to a round stick, which fits into holes in the sides of the closet. Instead of this arrangement, a large hinge at the wall end of the board would do. The board folds up into the closet or closet when not in use. It takes a little careful work and expense to put this plan into effect, but it is well worth trying.

## Portable Table

This kitchen table although very simple and ordinary looking has a variety of uses. In the first place it is specially built, being small enough to easily pass through the door, having a commodious drawer on each side, and wide shelf underneath and casters on the legs. It holds a surprising amount of stuff and is very useful for baking or at canning time. No matter how heavily laden, it is easily pushed about or from kitchen to dining-room. As a suggestion, pile your dishes on it and push it to the table, or take your dirty dishes away with it, using it in the meantime as a serving table. Build it strong enough to hold the preserving kettle, clothes boiler or chopping bowl and you will have a convenience as helpful to you as a new servant.

## A Butter Worker

This plan will no doubt be useful to many of our readers. It is a shallow three-cornered box, the wide end of which is curved. At the pointed end of the box is the outlet. The roller is made of wood and tapers from five inches in diameter at the handle end to two inches at the point.

BUTTER MAKING MADE EASIER.

For a handle drive a peg made from broom handle into a hole in the thick end of the roller. It is used by putting the butter in the box and rolling it back and forth for several minutes. The dimensions of the box are shown by the diagram "B."

## Egg Tester

Here is an egg-testing box that gives good results and is easy to make. The box must be well made and so tight-jointed that all light is excluded. It is then painted black on the inside or covered with black cloth. The cover also fits snugly and is bored with a dozen holes just large enough to set an egg into, as shown. In one end of the box cut a square hole about two inches by two inches and cover it with a tin hood shaped like a pyramid. It may be cut in one piece as the pattern Fig. 2. All we need now is a mirror placed on the inside in a tilted position. Stopper the holes with eggs, look through the peep hole and note the light that appears on the mirror. It will be all dark except the patches of gray where the light shines through the eggs. If

those patches are spotted or of different shades it shows that the egg is not perfectly fresh. By experimenting with eggs whose quality is known you will soon learn how to use the tester.

## For the Wash Tub

It is hardly necessary to say anything about this neat and substantial tub bench. Rubbing clothes is hard enough but when you do it on the back of a kitchen chair, or a wobbly old soap box it becomes doubly hard. The legs of this stand are heavy and slant out at the base just enough to prevent shaking. The general appearance is rather ornamental, so despite its use and purpose you better give it a few coats of paint. The frame is made of scantling, the rest of one-inch pine boards. An important point is to have it made just high enough to be comfortable for your own use.

## Utensil Rack

In spite of the fact that they are used so often, the mop, broom and dustpan have a most exasperating habit of getting lost. The little rack shown here is designed to keep them together. It consists of two inch pieces suitably cut. The wall piece (Fig. 2) is six inches wide and fourteen inches long. The shelf part is of the same general dimensions and is cut as Fig. 3 indicates. The rack is fastened outside within easy reach of the kitchen door. No comment is necessary upon the number of steps and the saving in temper it will effect.

## Hat Tree and Clothes Dryer

In the country when a man comes in out of the storm with his clothing all wet it is nice to have some place to put them where they can dry without being spread over every chair in the house. The clothes tree shown here answers the purpose well. It is easy to lift it from place to place even when loaded. A long piece of scantling and a few scrap boards are all the material needed. If you are a mechanic you can make it neater than shown in the picture, but our design is a good one for utility. It could be used in a room where there was no closet, giving the occupant a convenient place to hang his clothing without becoming rumpled from being thrown carelessly over chairs. If one has a closet it can be easily placed inside or into another room, when sweep-

ing day comes to avoid the dust which would settle on the clothes.

## Iron Wager

This device for waxing flatirons is something new and different. It has been tested thoroughly in my own home and I assure you it will be found a convenience. To make it you saw out two half-inch boards of the same size, say six inches by eight inches. In the top one you bore six holes with a one-inch bit. You then cover the top surface, holes and all with thin cloth. Place the cylinders of beeswax in the holes, the cloth only being between them and the iron. The blocks are fastened together with two spring metal strips, or heavy rubber bands would do. In using it you simply press the iron on the cloth and the wax will come up through. It is easy to make and will last a long time.

## A Slicer

This little device will be found handy for slicing fruit or vegetables. It is for the convenience of the housewife, but the making of it is probably more of a man's job. First we need a well-made box. We then put old steel table knives or sharp blades of any kind across the top as shown in Fig. 2. The inside of the cover has strips nailed on that fit between the knives. The potato or whatever is to be sliced is placed on the top of the knives and pressed down a little, then the lid is closed and pushed the slices through all the way. For things that are hard to slice, like onions, oranges or pineapples this device is a decided help.

## Kitchen Cabinet

This neat and handy article can be made from soap boxes or from any clean packing case. The grocer will give you the necessary material for the asking and as our drawings furnish all the knowledge you need, you may become the owner of the cabinet at a very small outlay of cash. First nail the four boxes together as in Fig. 2 then fashion two pieces for the sides like Fig. 3. The design is suitable for a cabinet of any size. Our picture shows one small enough to hang on the wall. The finish consists of a thorough sandpapering, then a coat of dark store paint and lastly a coat of good varnish.

## Benches

Nothing is more useful in the kitchen than a small, strongly built bench that can be easily moved about. You can put the bread-pan, flat-irons or pots and skillet on it to cool, though obviously not at one time. It's a handy thing to stand on while hanging curtains or washing walls, the men can shine their shoes on it, or crack nuts on it and the baby can toddle along with it as a support and run no danger of falling. In all seriousness you will find it indispensable after you have it a while. The designs herewith given are neat and strong. If good lumber is used they would do for plant stands in any room in the house.

## Soap Shaver

Most women who do their own washing have to shave up a lot of bar soap on wash day for the boiler. It is quite a difficult task to shave it thin enough and if the slices are too thick they will not melt properly. The device shown in the picture is built on the principle of a cabbage or sour kraut cutter. You can easily make one or have your husband do so. Fig. 2 makes all points clear. "B" is the slot into which the knife fits, "C" is the knife itself, "X" and "Y" are different sections of the flat board, "A" is the side strip. An old carpenter plane will do just as well or you might look at one to get the idea clear, before you start to make the shaver.

## Wire Articles

I could fill this whole issue of COMFORT with articles that could be made out of pieces of wire that usually go to waste in every home. The first is a little rack for holding eggs. It is a most convenient way to boil them and saves temper, eggs and fingers. The second is a wire that is to be set into the pot to contain potatoes or anything else to be boiled. When boiled enough, simply lift the wire basket out and pour the water off without fear of getting scalded. This one idea is worth ten times the price of your yearly subscription. Fig. 3 is a wire holder for boiled clothes as you remove them from the suds. It rests on the top of the boiler as shown.

## A Drain Board for the Sink

This simple drain board is a great kitchen help. Make two frames of pine strips about one foot wide and just long enough to fit across the sink. Nail across strips far enough apart to allow a plate to stand upright. Now reverse the frames so that the strips will run checker fashion to prevent the plates dropping through. Make four uprights about two inches high to support the corners and keep the two frames apart. In washing dishes you can place them on this drain board and pour boiling water over them. The end of board nearest the wall may be hinged and when not in use hooked up out of the way.



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## DAVID HARUM

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too. Chores before school an' after school, an' a two-mile walk to git there. As fur 's clothes was concerned, any ol' thing that'd hang together was good enough fer me; but by the time the older boys had outgrown their duds, an' they was passed on to me, the wa'n't much left on 'em. A pair of old cowhide boots that leaked in more snow an' water 'n they kept out, an' a couple pairs of woolen socks that was putty much all darna, was expected to see me through the winter, an' I went barefoot 'm the time the snow was off the ground till it flew agin in the fall. The wa'n't but two seasons o' the year with me—them of chilblains an' stin-bruises.

The speaker paused and stared for a moment into the comfortable glow of the fire, and then, discovering to his apparent surprise that his cigar had gone out, lighted it from a coal picked out with the tongs.

"Farlin' 's a hard life," remarked Mrs. Cullom, with an air of being expected to make some contribution to the conversation.

"An' yet it seems to me as 'I look back on't," David resumed pensively, "the wust on't was that nobody ever gin me a kind word, 'cept Polly. I s'pose I got kind o' used to bein' cold an' tired, dressin' in a snowdrift where it blowed into the attic, an' goin' out to fodder cattle 'fore sun-up, pickin' up stun in the blazin' sun, an' doin' all the odd jobs my father set me to, an' the older ones shirked onto me; that was the reg'lar order o' things; but I remember I never did git used to never pleasin' nobody. 'Cause I didn't expect nothin' 'm my stepmarn, an' the only way I ever knowed I'd done my stent, fur 's father was concerned, was that he didn't say nothin'." But sometimes the older ones 'd git settin' round, talkin' an' laughin', havin' popcorn an' apples, an' that, an' I'd kind o' slide up, wantin' to join 'em, an' some on 'em 'd say, 'What you doin' here? time you was in bed,' an' give me a shove or a cuff. Yes, ma'am," looking up at Mrs. Cullom, "the wust on't was that I was kind o' scared the hull time. Once in a while Polly 'd give me a mossel o' comfort, but Polly wa'n't but little older'n me, the youngest girl, was chor'd 'most to death herself."

It had stopped snowing, and though the wind still came in gusty blasts, whirling the drift against the windows, a wintry gleam of sunshine came in and touched the widow's wrinkled face.

"It's amazin' how much trouble an' sorer the 'is in the world, an' how soon it begins," she remarked, moving a little to avoid the sunlight. "I hain't never been able to reconcile how many good things the 'be, an' how little most of us gits o' them. I hain't ben to meetin' fer a long spell, 'cause I hain't had no fit clothes, but I remember most of the preachin' I've set under either dwell on the wust to come, or else on the Lord's doin' all things well, an' providin'. I hope I ain't no wickedder than the gen'ral run, but it's putty hard to hev faith in the Lord's providin' when you hain't got nothin' in the house but corn meal, an' none too much o' that."

"That's so, Mis' Cullom, that's so," affirmed David. "I don't blame ye a mite. 'Doubts as-sail, an' oft prevail,' as the hymn-book says, an' I reckon it's a sight easier to have faith on meat an' potatoes 'n it is on corn-meal mush. Wa'al, as I was sayin'—I hope I ain't tirin' ye with my goin's on?"

"No," said Mrs. Cullom, "I'm engaged to hear ye, but nobody 's supposed to see ye now, that ye was such a 'forn little critter as you make out."

"It's jest as I'm tellin' ye, an' more also, as the Bible says," returned David, and then, rather more impressively, as if he were leading up to his conclusion, "it come along to a time when I was 'twixt thirteen an' fourteen. The wa' was a cirks billed to show down here in Homeville, an' ev'ry barn an' shed fer miles around had pictures stuck onto 'em of elephants, an' rhinoceroses, an' ev'ry animal that went into the ark; an' girls ridin' bareback an' jumpin' 'n turbin' sum-mersets, an' feller ridin' bareback an' turbin' sum-mersets, an' doin' turnovers on swings; an' clowns gettin' boss-whipped, an' ev'ry kind of a thing that could be picted out; an' how the wa' was to be a grand percession at ten o'clock, 'ith golden chariots, an' scriptural allegories, an' the bull bus'nis; an' the pran' performance at two o'clock—admission twenty-five cents, children under twelve, at cetera an' so forth. Wa'al, I hadn't no more idee o' goin' to that cirks 'n I had o' flyin' to the moon; but the night before the show somethin' waked me 'bout twelve o'clock."

"I don't know how 'twas. I'd ben helpin' mend fence all day, an' gen'ally I never knowed nothin' after my head struck the bed till mornin'. But that night, anyhow, somethin' waked me, an' I went an' looked out the window, an' there was the hull thing goin' by the house. The wa' was more or less moon, an' I see the elephant, an' the big wagins—the drivers kind o' noddin' over the dash-boards—an' the chariots with canvas covers—I don't know how many of 'em—an' the cages of the tigers an' lions, an' all. Wa'al, I got up the next mornin' at sun-up an' done my chores; an' after breakfast I set off fer the ten-acre lot where I was mendin' fence. The ten-acre was the farthest off of any, Homeville way, an' I had my dinner in a tin ball 'n I needn' lose no time goin' home at noon, as luck would have it, the wa' wa'n't nobody with me that mornin'."

Wa'al, I got down to the lot an' set to work; but somehow I couldn't git that show out o' my head nohow. As I said, I hadn't no more notion of goin' to that cirks 'n I had of kingdom come. I'd never had two shillin' of my own in my hull life. But the more I thought on't the uneasier I got. Somethin' seemed pullin' an' haulin' at me, an' finely I gin in. I allowed I'd see that percession anyway, if it took a leg, an' mebbe I'd git back 'thout nobody missin' me."

Any rate, I'd take the chances of a lickin' 'n I put fer the village lickity-cut. I done them four mile lively, I c'n tell ye, an' the stin-bruises never hurt me once."

"When I got down to the village it seemed to me as if the hull population of Freeland County was there. I'd never see so many folks together in my life, an' fer a spell it seemed to me as if ev'rybody was a-lookin' at me an' sayin', 'That's old Harum's boy Dave, playin' a hokey,' an' I sneaked round dreadin' somebody'd give me away; but I finely found that nobody wa'n't payin' any attention to me; they was there to see the show, an' one red-headed boy more or less wa'n't no pertic'lar account. Wa'al, putty soon the percession hove in sight, an' the wa' was a reg'lar stampeade among the boys, an' when it got by, I run an' ketch'd up with it agin an' all, walked alongside the elephant, tin ball an' all, till they fetched up inside the tent. Then I went off to one side—it must 'a ben about 'leven or half-past—an' eat my dinner (I had a devourin' appetite), an' thought I'd jes' walk round a spell, an' then light out fer home. But the wa' was so many things to see an' hear—all the side-show pictures of Fat Women, an' Livin' Skeletons, an' Wild Women of Madyasker, an' Skild Men of Borneo, an' snakes windin' round women's necks; hand-organes, feller that played the 'cordon an' mouth pipes an' drum an' cymbals all to once, an' such like—that I forgot all about the time, an' the ten-acre lot, an' the stin fence; an' fust I knowed, the folks was makin' fer the ticket-wagin, an' the band begun to play inside the tent. Be I taxin' your patience over the limit?"

said David, breaking off in his story and addressing Mrs. Cullom more directly.

"No, I guess not," she replied; "I was jes' thinkin' of a circus I went to once," she added, with an audible sigh.

"Wa'al," said David, taking a last farewell of the grate, "mebbe what's comin' 'll int'rist ye more'n the rest on't has. I was standin' gawpin' round, list'nin' to the band an' watchin' the folks git their tickets, when all of a suddin I felt a twitch at my hair—it had a way of workin' out of the holes in my old chip straw hat—an' somebody says to me, 'Wa'al, sonny, what you think-

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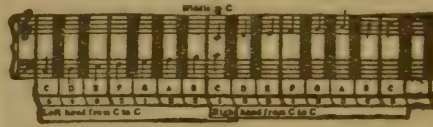
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in' of' he says. I looked up, an' who do you s'pose it was? It was Billy P. Cullom! I knowed who he was, fer I'd seen him before, but of course he didn't know me. Yes, ma'am, it was Billy P. an' wa'n't he rigged out to kill!"

The speaker paused and looked into the fire, smiling. The woman started forward, facing him, and clasping her hands, cried, "My husband! What'd he have on?"

"Wa'al," said David slowly and reminiscently, "near 's I c'n remember, he had on a blue broad-cloth claw-hammer coat with flat gilt buttons, an' a double-breasted plaid velvet vest, an' pearl-gray pants, strapped down over his boots, which was of shiny leather, an' a high pointed collar an' blue stock with a pin in it (I remember wonderin' if it c'd be real gold), an' a yellow-white plug beaver hat."

At the description of each article of attire Mrs. Cullom nodded her head, with her eyes fixed on David's face, and as he concluded she broke out breathlessly: "Oh, yes! Oh, yes! David, he wore them very same clothes, an' he took me to that very same show that very same night!" There was in her face a look almost of awe, as if a sight of her long-buried past youth had been shown to her from a coffin.

Neither spoke for a moment or two, and it was the widow who broke the silence. As David had conjectured, she was interested at last, and sat leaning forward with her hands clasped in her lap.

"Well," she exclaimed, "ain't ye goin' on? What did he say to ye?"

"Cert'nly, cert'nly," responded David; "I'll tell ye near 's I c'n remember, an' I c'n remember putty near. As I told ye, I felt a twitch at my hair, an' he said, 'What be you thinkin' about, sonny?' I looked up at him, an' looked away quick. 'I dunno,' I says, diggin' my big toe into the dust; an' then, I dunno how I got the spunk to, fer I was shy 'n rat, 'Guess I was thinkin' 'bout mendin' that fence up in the ten-acre lot 's much 's anythin'." I says,

"Ain't ye goin' to the cirks?" he says. "I hain't got no money to go to cirkses," I says, rubbin' the dusty toes o' one foot over t'other, 'nor nothin' else," I says.

"Wa'al," he says, 'why don't you crawl under the canvas?"

"That kind o' riled me, shy 's I was. 'I don't crawl under no canvases,' I says. 'If I can't go in same 's other folks, I'll stay out,' I says, lookin' square at him fer the fust time. He wa'n't exactly smilin', but the wa' was a look in his eyes that was the next thing to it."

"Lordy me!" sighed Mrs. Cullom, as if to herself. "How well I can remember that look—jest as if he was laughin' at ye, an' wa'n't laughin' at ye, an' his arm around your neck!"

David nodded in reminiscent sympathy, and rubbed his bald poll with the back of his hand.

"Wa'al," interjected the widow.

"Wa'al," said David, resuming, "he says to me, 'Would you like to go to the cirks?' an' with that it occurred to me that I did want to go to that cirks more'n anythin' I ever wanted to before—nor since, it seems to me. But I tell ye the truth, I was so far 'm expectin' to go 't I really hadn't knowed I wanted to. I looked at him, an' then down agin, an' began tenderin' up a stin-bruise on one heel agin the other instep, an' all I says was, bein' so dum'd shy, 'I dunno,' I says. But I guess he seen in my face what my feelin's was, fer he kind o' laughed, an' pulled out half a dollar an' says: 'D' you think you could git a couple o' tickits in that crowd? If you kin, I think I'll go myself, but I don't want to git my boots all dust,' he says. I allowed I c'd try; an' I guess them bare feet o' mine tore up the dust some gettin' over to the wagin. Wa'al, I had another scare gettin' the tickits, fer fer someone that knowed me 'd see me with a half a dollar, an' think I must 'a stole the money. But I got 'em, an' carried 'em back to him, an' he took 'em an' put 'em in his vest pocket, an' handed me a ten-cent piece, an' says, 'Mebbe you'll want somethin' in the way of refreshments fer yourself, an' mebbe the elephant,' he says, an' walked off toward the tent; an' I stood stin-still, lookin' after him. He got off about a rod or so an' stopped an'

looked back. 'Ain't you comin'?' he says.

"Be I goin' with you?" I says. "Why not?" he says, "ness you'd rather go alone, an' he put his finger an' thumb into his vest pocket. Wa'al, ma'am, I looked at him a minute, with his shiny hat an' boots, an' fine clothes, an' gold pin, an' thought of my ragged ol' shirt, an' cotton pants, an' ol' chip hat with the brim 'most gone, an' my tin pall an' all. 'I ain't fit to,' I says, ready to cry; an'—wa'al, he jes' laughed an' says, 'Nonsense,' he says, 'come along. A man needn't be ashamed of his workin' clothes,' he says; an' I'm dum'd if he didn't take hold of my hand, an' in we went that way together."

"How like him that was!" said the widow softly.

"Yes, ma'am, yes, ma'am, I reckon it was," said David, nodding.

"Wa'al," he went on after a little pause, "I was ready to sink into the ground with shyness at fust, but that wore off some after a little, an' we two seen the hull show, I tell ye. We walked round the cages, an' we fed the elephant—that is, he bought the stuff an' I fed him. I member—he, he!—t he says, 'Mind you git the right end,' he says, an' then we got a couple o' seats, an' the doin's begun."

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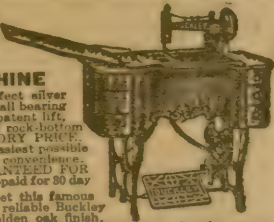
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The President and Mrs. Taft follow the usual

custom which has been in vogue for many years and give nine state functions each season. These are the New Year's Reception, which is the only affair intended for the general public, the Diplomatic Reception, the Diplomatic dinner, the dinner in honor of the Cabinet, the Judicial Reception, the Supreme Court dinner, the Congressional Reception, the Speaker's Dinner and the Army and Navy Reception.

Besides these official affairs, there are countless other entertainments of all kinds, dinners, luncheons, and receptions to visiting foreigners, and Americans of political and social importance, and all sorts of delegations and commissions from all parts of this country and representatives of various industries and institutions of the territorial possessions of the United States.

Then, there are teas, dances, and musicales and of course dinners for the personal friends and for the benefit and enjoyment of the family themselves.

Under the present administration the invitation list for the state receptions is much smaller than in former years, when practically all Washington officialdom was included, as well as the old resident society and of course personal friends. All members of the press, of sufficient standing to be in the Congressional Directory, were also recipients of a call from a White House messenger either on horseback or a bicycle, who left the much coveted big white envelope, with its magic bit of pasteboard, which for one evening, four times each winter, put the humblest weekly correspondent on the same social plane as the Senatorial dignitaries of his home state.

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The same rule applies to the other three, save perhaps the Army and Navy which is the last and by many considered the most thoroughly brilliant and characteristically American. Those who are fortunate enough to be able to choose which one or two of these affairs to attend, invariably select either the first or last or both. The Diplomatic Reception is the most spectacular because so many of the Ambassadors and Ministers appear in the costumes of their native land. While the Army and Navy is the most gorgeous of all in the vast display of gold lace, splendid uniforms and clanking swords, to say nothing of the halo of glory which hovers over the heads of these war lords. Here is one time when the girl hero-worshiper may feast her eyes to complete satisfaction; for there are more heroes scattered around than humble citizens. Grizzled veterans of the Civil War, bronzed Spanish War veterans and last but by no means least or less heroic, the handsome gallant recently graduated officers fresh from West Point and Annapolis.

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Madame Romero, the wife of one of the former Mexican Ambassadors, is accredited with having once said that it mattered not what one wore to a White House Reception as nothing else but the coiffure showed.

To the male element, the change must be a matter of great relief as a man may now move about and still lift his feet since the necessity of slowly shoving them along to keep off the trailing draperies of the feminine portion of the assemblage is no longer such constant menace to his peace of mind.

Since the remodeling of the President's Palace all guests, at these large functions, except those holding special cards, enter the building through the basement corridor, where a portion of it is fitted up as a cloakroom. Here each arrival is met by neat maids and deft men whose sole duty it is, to check and care for all wraps and belongings and to also render any little service that may be desired. These maids are all capped and daintily aproned and more than ready to

put the finishing touches to milady's toilet, such as exchanging carriage boots for slippers, tucking in a stray hair, settling refractory bows or curls and giving the last twitch to the train. Once free of wraps, the guests have practically the run of the entire main floor, but upon ascending the stairway it is customary for them all to assemble in the enormous East room and wait until the President has first received those for whom the Reception is given. For instance at the Diplomatic Reception held January 10th, the Diplomats assembled in the Red parlor while the other guests remained in the East room until the Presidential party had received all of the foreign representatives.

In order to give the White House its very best appearance Mrs. Taft allows nothing to be removed from the rooms at these affairs. All rugs, settees, bric a brac, ornaments, and hangings are left in their places, and wherever flowers and plants may be placed to add to the beauty of the general scheme, there they may be found, and the visitor has the satisfaction of knowing that he is seeing every bit of the furnishings that belongs to the place.

Captain Archibald W. Butts, U. S. A., Military Aid to the President, introduces each guest to the President and then to Mrs. Taft and from each, one receives a murmured greeting and a cordial handshake. At this reception, as is the general rule, the ladies of the Cabinet completed the receiving line. Mrs. Sherman, wife of the Vice President, was present and wore an exquisite gown of pink satin embroidered in silver. The Cabinet ladies were Mrs. Knox in orchid pink, Mrs. MacVeagh in peacock blue, Mrs. Meyer in blue brocade, Mrs. Ballinger in light pink satin



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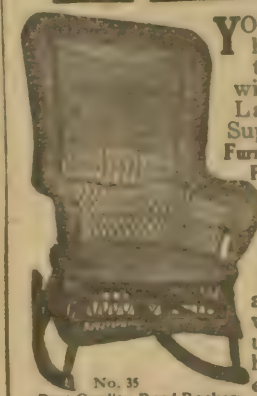
Naturally, under these conditions, the Executive Mansion was always packed and jammed upon these occasions, when from two to over three thousand people formed in line and passed before the President, his wife and the receiving line. While the President always managed to shake hands with each person presented to him, such an ordeal was beyond the physical endurance of any of the First Ladies though many of them bravely tried to keep it up.

The invitation privilege was much abused, in many instances, cards were transferred to people who had not the slightest pretense of a claim for any such consideration. Another feature of the misuse of these invitations was the fact that they were bought and sold, sometimes bringing very high prices from individuals with less self respect and honor than money. Difficult as it may seem, there are even cases where the cards were stolen and a slight change made in the initials, or prefix, and actually presented by the guilty ones. Of course these matters were investigated and as a result a formidable black list was constructed which would help to defend the dignity of these functions from being thus degraded.

As a result of much deliberation over the cards and the manner in which they were treated, it was finally decided to restrict each State Reception to the class of guests for which it was given, as far as was consistent. For instance the first one, the Diplomatic Reception is largely confined to the Diplomats, their families and

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# RUBY'S REWARD

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then he asked Ruby if she felt equal to climbing to the top of the bridge.

"Is that question intended as a sarcasm upon the amount of Mrs. Ruggles' good things that I have managed to dispose of?" she asked, laughing, but with a saucy toss of her head.

"No, indeed; I should not presume to indulge in anything of the kind after my own deprecations upon that basket." Walter returned, "but I thought the climb might be wearisome for you."

"Oh, I shall not mind that, and it does not look so very far; although I have learned that distances are very deceptive in this region."

"The ascent is not difficult; the only trouble will be that you may grow dizzy from the immense height."

"I have heard it is not a very dizzy one, as I think I may already prove." Ruby returned, tossing it gaily. "I am not apt to lose it, as the boys say, over anything. So if you will take the trouble to pilot me I am ready to begin my pilgrimage."

The ascent was steep, but there was a good path all the way up, for many feet passed back and forth that way during the summer-time.

But Mr. Marshall was not very strong, having been somewhat of an invalid that season, and he gave out before half the distance was accomplished, and his wife would not go on without him, hence our young people were obliged to proceed alone.

This was no hardship to them, though they were sorry their friends should lose the fine view that was to be obtained from the bridge.

The top was at length gained, when Walter turned and again held out his hand to Ruby.

"Let me steady you until you get a little accustomed to it," he said, and she unhesitatingly complied with a trustful little smile that set all his pulses bounding. The arch was perhaps fifteen or sixteen feet in width, though, owing to the great height and the length of its span, it appeared much narrower.

"Oh, what a fearful height!" Ruby said, under her breath, as she looked half fearfully around her. "It seems almost like being suspended in mid-air." Then, glancing at the opposite side, she asked: "Has anybody ever crossed it?"

"Yes, many people; I have been over once, but I hardly think it a safe exploit, for a little giddiness, a single misstep might send one to the bottom of the ravine, while there is no way of egress on the opposite side, as you perceive; the rock is almost perpendicular."

"I do not believe that anybody has crossed it this year," Ruby remarked, "for moss grows like a carpet over it, and the ivy, trailing all about looks as if not a single leaf had been disturbed."

Walter called her attention to the view to be obtained from both sides of the bridge, and where they could get some idea of the immense gorge, which some violent upheaval or convulsion of nature must have opened there in the very heart of the mountain in the ages past.

It was a weird, yet beautiful and impressive scene, for the gorgeous tints of autumn were everywhere, and made bright and lovely pictures and contrasts against the gray and moss-grown rocks.

"How prettily that tree grows out over the edge of the rock," said Ruby, calling Walter's attention to a birch, not far from them, "while those wreaths of red and yellow woodbine trailing over it make it twined picturesque. Oh, and I really believe there are some *Cladonia Rangiferina*, or reindeer lichen, growing at the foot of it! I must have them—they are fine specimens and very rare," and without a thought of the danger lurking on every hand, intent only upon gaining possession of the treasures that she had discovered, she sprang forward to gather them.

Walter did not apprehend any danger. The roots of the tree did not seem to be very near the brink, though the upper portion of the trunk and branches overhung it. Yet, if they had but known it, the rock sloped away treacherously there, and was concealed by the rank growth of woodbine, which twined all about the tree.

"Let me get them for you, Miss Gordon," Walter said, stepping forward, "I cannot bear to see you run the slightest risk."

But she was already on her knees at the foot of the tree and she looked up at him with a bright little laugh.

"I will be very careful," she said. "See! I have hold of the trunk of the tree very firmly, and these lichens are very choice and tender. I dare not trust them to your handling, as they require delicate treatment."

"They are pretty," Walter remarked, watching her white hands as she deftly separated them from the rock.

"Yes; there is quite a wealth of them here, too, and I can make such pretty things of them with different kinds of moss and dainty shells. I will send you something at Christmas to remind you of this lovely trip."

"You are very kind; I shall be glad of the souvenir, but I shall not need anything to remind me of this day," the young man replied, thinking that he could never forget the pretty picture that she made, in her dainty blue dress and white hat among the gold and red of the autumn tinted woodbine.

"I wish I had a little basket to put these in," Ruby continued; as she held up a handful of the little bright caps and looked at them lovingly.

"Put them in my hat until we go down, and then I will deposit them in the lunch-basket," Walter said, removing his straw hat, and bending to receive the lichens.

"Thanks," she answered, as she spread her handkerchief in it before depositing her treasures. "Are there more than you wish to gather?" her companion asked.

He could not bear to have her remain there so near that frightful precipice, and yet there did not seem to be any danger with that tree between it and her.

"Yes, there were just a few more particularly fine ones," she told him, as she stooped forward to get them.

In doing so, she leaned her weight more heavily against the tree, and, without an instant's warning, its rotten, deceitful trunk, whose sap had all gone to nourish the few thrifty branches at the top, snapped short off.

Ruby lost her balance, and with a cry of horror, went slipping down toward that frightful abyss, from which there could be no rescue.

"Oh, Walter, save me!" she cried, turning her imploring eyes and death-like face to him.

He sprang toward her, terror written upon every feature of his own white face, while he knew that if he should live for centuries he should never forget that appalling cry, those anguished eyes, and useless lips.

But even before he could stretch out his hand to help her, he saw that she could go no farther, for her dress had caught upon the stump of the

tree, while the tangled woodbine which had grown so closely about it held her fast.

He was not five seconds in reaching her, but that would have been long enough for her to have been past all human aid, but for that ragged, splintered trunk, and those closely interwoven vines.

He reached down and firmly grasped the hand that she stretched forth to him.

"You are safe," he said, reassuringly. "Wait just an instant until I can get a firmer footing, then I will lift you up."

He planted one foot securely between a rock and the trunk of the tree, for he knew the danger that a single false move would entail, while neither tree nor vines would be strong enough to bear their united weight if he also should lose his balance.

Then he stooped and put his arm around her slight form, and drew her safely up and away from the fearful peril that had menaced her.

It was a very narrow escape, and both were weak and faint from the trying experience.

They stood looking into each other's face for a few moments, speechless and trembling. Both were of the hue of death, while neither appeared to be aware that Walter had encircled the girl he had saved with both arms, as if thus he would shield her from all future harm.

"You have saved me!" Ruby at length breathed, her white lips scarcely equal to the effort of framing the words, while she lifted her grateful eyes to his.

"Oh, my darling, if I had not saved you!" he began, but his voice quivered and broke at the sense of desolation that swept over him with the thought of what the future would have been if she had now been lying, bleeding and mangled, in that cavern below.

For a minute longer they stood, eye looking into eye, while their souls seemed to say that henceforth they would belong to each other; though, even in that supreme moment, Walter said to himself that no word of his should tempt her to seal her gratitude with any impetuous pledge.

He was conscious that he had grown to love her as a man loves only once in his life; but he resolved that he would win her by the power of that love alone. He would not be guilty of taking advantage of her present weakness, or sense of obligation to him, to surprise any confession from her; and yet she was clinging to him with such an eager, convulsive hold, that he could hardly resist folding her to his heart and soothing her with the fond words that were ready to burst from his lips, and were only restrained by the power of his strong will.

"Come," he said, as he felt how she was still trembling, "let us go down from here, or would you prefer to rest a while before making the attempt?"

"Yes; I must sit down for a few minutes. I am so weak that I cannot walk," she whispered, and leaning so heavily upon him that he feared she was going to faint.

But she did not, and helped her a little away from the spot where she had come so near losing her precious life, and seated her gently on the ground.

Then he went back to get his hat and the lichens, which lay scattered on the rock where he had dashed them in his mad fear. He then stopped to gather a few more, thinking that Ruby would grow calm more quickly if left to herself for a little while.

When he went back to her, he found her sitting with bowed head in a reverent fashion, and he knew instinctively that she was giving thanks for the great mercy that had saved her from a dreadful death.

She looked up and smiled, however, as he came forward, holding out one little, still trembling hand to him.

"Next to God, I owe you most grateful thanks," she said, with deep emotion.

He knelt down beside her and touched his lips to her hand.

"Gratitude is not a word to be used between us, Ruby," he said, softly, and she seemed to recognize the fact, for her lovely eyes drooped quickly, and a burning blush swept over her face in spite of her pallor.

Walter was almost sorry he had allowed himself to say so much, but he had uttered the words almost before he was aware of what he was saying. She had not appeared to resent them, however; indeed, that quick blush had kindled within his heart a hope that she might be learning to regard him with a tenderer feeling than that of mere friendship.

A silence fell over them for a time, but it was at length broken by Ruby, who asked, with a new shyness in her manner:

"Will you take me down now, please? I am feeling much better, and do not say anything to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall about my accident; I would rather they did not know."

"Very well, I will not mention it," Walter returned, and she allowed him to support her down the path until they came in sight of their friends, when she assumed a composure and brightness which she was far from feeling, and kept it up until she was seated in the carriage and on her way back to Father Ruggles' home.

The drive home was more quiet than that of the morning had been, for Ruby and Walter still felt the effects of the terrible shock which they had received, while, too, both were conscious of a new hope and experience that had been born within them.

At Ruby's request, it was agreed that upon their return nothing should be said of her narrow escape, and thus Robert Gordon never knew how near he came to losing his idolized sister on that bright autumn day among the mountains.

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## The Sweet Pea Lady

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### SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING PART.

Sophy Purlington, young and attractive, standing before her mirror, unconsciously talks to herself. Her pug nose and thick lips worry her. God intended Negroes to have them but for white people it is too much, and she recalls an advertisement when one can make flesh come off where you want it to and come on where you want it to. Walking along the street she finds a little lad, not more than two years old, crying "Gammie! Gammie!" Her first thought is to tell the police, but a newsboy coming along knows Tibby and directs Sophy to his home. Coming into the alley the little boy catches sight of the weather-worn house and a faint voice calls "Tibby, Tibby!" Turning, Sophy sees the aged grandmother and explains where and how she finds Tibby, and when she leaves, promising to come again the next day, she thinks how much she has to be thankful for, and forgets all but the old lady and little boy. Going the next day Sophy takes a bouquet of sweet peas and calls for Tibby while Gammie sleeps. She becomes a regular visitor, Gammie grows more feeble, and at last is obliged to have the doctor—"the best young man in the world."

### PART II.

GAMMIE talked so much about the "young doctor" that Sophy became somewhat anxious to see him, and to know his name, yet she did not like to ask lest Gammie might think her too curious. The "young doctor" was also wishing that he might see the "Sweet Pea Lady" as Tibby and Gammie invariably called her. It seemed so strange they never happened together! One day they seemed to have just missed each other—or at least the doctor thought so—for on the steps he found a dainty handkerchief. "Sweet Peas," he said to himself as he picked it up, and read the initials, "S. P." in

one corner. He did not know that the letters "S. P." stood for Sophy Purlington, but what did it matter? They stood for "Sweet Peas" too, and was she not the "Sweet Pea Lady" to him as well as to Tibby and Gammie? He realized that he might leave the handkerchief with Gammie to be returned to the rightful owner, but strange as it may seem his conscience did not trouble him to any great extent in keeping it, consequently it disappeared into the inner pocket of his coat, and lodged there—or until he happened to change his coat—when the handkerchief was changed, too.

One day late in the fall, Sophy found Gammie worse than usual. Her rheumatism was so bad she could scarcely turn herself in bed. Of late, Betty Thompson, who lived a few houses away, had stayed with Gammie during the day to care for Tibby—in fact, the Ladies' Circle hired her to do so, although Gammie did not know it. Mrs. Purlington was President of the Society, and through her efforts the ladies had become interested in both Gammie and Tibby. Sophy stood by Gammie's bed gently tending the old lady's head and hands when someone at her elbow said, "You seem accustomed to caring for the sick." Sophy started, "O doctor, I'm so glad you've come! I do ache all over." In her surprise, Sophy dropped the towel she had been using, which, through her embarrassment, fell right at the doctor's feet. He stooped, picked it up, and with apologies on both sides, a few stammering explanations, and Gammie's saying, "Doctor, this is Tibby's Sweet Pea Lady," both young people felt sufficiently introduced.

When the doctor started, Sophy followed him to the door to inquire about Gammie's condition. He stated frankly that it was only a matter of a few days at the most, and she might not last but a few hours. Sophy was one who not only thought, but acted quickly, and on learning the truth regarding Gammie, she turned to Betty, saying, "I am going home, but will be back to spend the night with Gammie." The doctor, hearing this remark, assured her that she would save time if she would allow him to drive home with her, as his carriage was at the door. She hesitated, but the doctor insisted, and the result was that in a few minutes Sophy was being whirled along towards home—as soon as she told him where her home was—for it then occurred to him that neither knew the other's name. She was the "Sweet Pea Lady" to him, and well, he was the "best young doctor in the world" to her. Cards were exchanged, and he learned for the first time that the initials "S. P." embroidered in the dainty handkerchief which he still carried in his pocket were for Sophy Purlington, while she learned that the "young doctor" was really Theodore Dwight Plummer, M. D. Can anyone wonder that both thought their home was reached altogether too soon?

Before leaving her the doctor promised to call again that night to see if anything further could be done for Gammie.

Sophy related the facts to her mother, and between them they got together many articles which they thought might be needed at Gammie's. Before Mrs. Purlington would allow Sophy to start, she had her promise to ask Betty to stay the night with her, as if Gammie should die, Sophy must not be left alone. Sophy promised and was soon on her way. When Tibby saw her coming, he ran to meet her,—in fact he had watched for her nearly all the while she had been gone, for had she not promised to come back and stay all night? He thought how lovely it would be to have the "Sweet Pea Lady" tuck him in his little bed that night, and wondered if she would tell him a story or two while he was on his way to "Shut-eye" town.

Betty consented to spend the night, although when the time came she did not prove to be of much help, for she took Gammie's big rocker and slept soundly—though not softly—for many times the sonorous snore would grate upon Sophy's ears till she could stand it no longer, when she would quietly touch Betty on the shoulder and all would be still for a few moments, at the end of which time the same act must again be performed.

The old-fashioned clock on the mantle had just clicked for ten, when Sophy heard a sound at the door. Her heart gave a jump. Should she call Betty? Was it a tramp—or, perhaps, it might be he. The door softly opened, and there stood

the doctor. He laid his hat on the table, opened his satchel, took out a soft, loose coat, and seemed to be making himself at home generally. He then walked to Gammie's bed, and after gazing carefully, turned to Sophy and asked, "Has she lain this way ever since your return?"

"Yes, sir. I can hardly see any change except that the breathing seems shorter," replied Sophy.

He did not speak for several minutes then he said, "I wish you had not come tonight."

Sophy, having met him so few hours before, and knowing so little about doctors anyway, hardly knew how to take this remark. After waiting a moment, she looked up frankly and said:

"Why, will I trouble you? I do not mean to." "O, not that, not that! But Gammie cannot live, and I wished to spare you from witnessing anything of the sort."

Sophy, with no hesitancy whatever, turned sweetly to him and said, "I'm not afraid with you, doctor. May I stay?"

For several moments all was still, then his hand gently touched hers as it rested on the foot of Gammie's bed, and the words, "Brave little girl!" spoken in tones she could never forget, sounded in her ears.

All this time Gammie lay unconscious. These two young people were alone together, or might as well have been, for Betty was as unconscious as Gammie herself. It was only their second meeting, yet each felt that they had always been friends—a feeling which comes to one but once in a lifetime. Neither spoke—both watched. Two hours passed, but apparently no change. Then Gammie stirred slightly. Both stepped quickly to her side, but all was still. They waited for another breath, but none came. They looked at each other and both understood. Gammie had gone in her own peaceful way as she had always lived.

When all was over the question arose as to what should become of Tibby. Should he be sent to an orphan asylum, the Home for Little Wanderers, or would somebody take him? He heard some ladies discussing the matter, and immediately informed them of his own opinion. They smiled as they heard him say, "Me live wiv Sweet Pea Lady. Me go wiv her." If Sophy could have taken him at once, but her father and mother objected. It was talked over with all the doctor included, and he felt sure that his sister, who was very fond of children, would take the child for the winter. Thus it ended in Tibby's being carried off one day in the doctor's big carriage, with the "Git up, bossy," as Tibby called it. Many tears were shed as he said good by to Sophy, and he begged her to come with the doctor, too,—which needless to say she did not do, although in the days to come, more than once as she called to see Tibby, she was carried home with the "Git up, bossy," and many times Tibby, too, was taken along.

Two years passed. A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Purlington. The house throughout was decorated with sweet peas, and even the bride and bridesmaid carried immense bouquets of the same flower. It was a mystery to many of the guests how they were able to find so many sweet peas in all Boston. "Way is it," they asked, "that each room is decorated with the same flower?" No one seemed to know. Two present, however, did know, and those were the bride and groom, for they were none other than Sweet Pea herself, and the "best young doctor in the world," as Gammie used to say. Did they not fully understand what this flower had done for them—what it had meant in their lives?

On returning from their honeymoon, they took a cozy flat not far from her old home, and one night sat in the window almost any day, not only a bunch of sweet peas—for they kept them as long as the season lasted—but a golden-headed little boy with laughing blue eyes.

Tibby had a real home at last, and Sophy not only thanked God for all her blessings, but for her little turned-up nose, and her thick lips, for was she not on her way to have them treated when she first found Tibby, and what had Tibby not been the means of doing for her? Had he not helped her to find "the best doctor in all the world,"—and the best husband, too?

THE END.

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## Useful Hints Showing Where Time and Material are Economized in every part of the Home.

"Never spend your money before you get it."  
"Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap."

Old hot water bottles make the best of mats where moisture is liable to injure a table.

Sponge black dress materials that have become shiny in black coffee.

It will prolong the life of your brooms to plunge them into your hot boiling suds occasionally.

Pretty white ties for morning wear can be made from old apron strings if they are of fine material.

When using a good many pins wear a small pin cushion on the left wrist and much time will be saved.

To readily clean bottles, put in a few crushed egg-shells and half fill with water. Shake hard and rinse.

Put all the fine handkerchiefs and neckwear into a cheese-cloth bag to dry. It will save time and material.

It will save the eyesight to use a magnifying glass when counting stitches as one does in crocheting, etc.

Patent leather shoes will wear longer if after each wearing they are rubbed with a soft cloth dampened with olive oil.

Much lifting may be avoided on wash day by attaching a piece of garden hose to the faucet and thus filling the tubs.

Where one has only a gas stove in the kitchen it is good economy to bake the potatoes on the rim just inside the furnace door.

When your bureau drawers stick, apply a little hard soap and they will run easily. The same treatment will ease a door or window.

Where kindling is scarce and expensive use the waste fat from the kitchen, by smearing it over the wood. It makes a hot, quick fire.

If the knob of your tea-cork cover comes off, a very good substitute is a cork stopper held in place by a screw-eye coming through from underneath.

Save yourself work by keeping a whisk broom hung on the back porch where the boys and the house may brush themselves before entering the house.

Instead of taking your clock to a jeweler because it refuses to "go," first try keeping a cloth inside saturated with kerosene oil until it has evaporated.

A mixture made of equal parts of sweet oil and black ink will greatly improve the appearance of black kid gloves that have become worn and white looking.

Take the best parts of worn-out table linen and make into napkins. Of course they are not worth much labor, and the quickest way is to fringe and overcast them.

Use old stocking legs for mop cloths. After using the mop remove them, wash and dry and replace. This treatment will not "rust out" your mop rod, and too it's cleaner.

In making up embroidered sofa pillows, introduce a thick sheet of wadding under the cover. Both the appearance and the "feel" of the cushion are improved by this treatment.

"Sticking" of lamp chimneys is often due to their being too wide. Try removing the wick and pulling out a thread next to the selvage, as one too many threads will make the difference.

Don't throw away the sweet-pickle syrup, but reheat and pour over steamed apples, making it do double service. Another use is to reheat and pour over store pickles, letting them stand a few days.

Broken china, glass or pottery used for decorative purposes may be mended with a paste made from white of egg and flour. Dust the broken edges, apply the paste and tie together until hardened.

Take blankets that have become worn and disfigured and thoroughly wash and dry. Tack well together and make into comforters by covering with calico or sateen. They make the best kind of comforters.

From garments that have been laid aside, cut off the strip containing the buttonholes, leaving enough material to turn under. Use this strip as a "fly" to sew to new garments, thereby saving both time and labor.

When your Dover egg-beater begins to "skip," don't throw it away, but twist soft twine tightly around under the head of the screw in the center of the wheel, until it will run smoothly. When it wears out tie in new.

Use thin wooden plates such as are found at the grocers' or bakers' to put dry food on in the closet. A piece of oiled paper will make them do service a long time. Here is where much of the nicking and breaking is done.

When cleaning finish is only by using great care that the wall paper does not become wet. This is prevented by placing a good-sized piece of pasteboard on the wall, holding it with the flat of the left hand while you clean with the right.

Instead of darning stockings at the knee, cut a piece out of the stocking the length of the worn part. Cut this out with great care and when sewing the stocking together again, match the "ribs" of the weave and the seam can hardly be detected.

A table on which you wish to set flower pots can be made attractive and kept neat by putting a piece of plain window-glass over the table cover the size of the table. In this way an embroidered cover may be used and you only have to wipe off the glass.

Umbrellas with steel rods often come out at the handle. Replace it by filling the hole in the handle with powdered resin. Heat the end of rod very hot and put back into handle. Steel knives that have lost their handles may be treated in the same way.

In measuring for your stair carpet allow and turn under at either top or bottom enough for two extra stairs. This will enable you to change the worn places, letting the part that came on the edge go into the angle of the stair where it will not show.

In hemming napkins by hand, a small, even hem may be obtained by running the edge of the napkin through the smallest sized hemmer of the machine without being threaded. This creases perfectly and will make needle marks by which you do your hemming.

Glue a thin piece of cork cut from a stopper at the center of the lower part of your picture frames just so it will hold them a little away from the wall. This will keep the dust from forming a dark streak which often prevents the changing of a picture.

To mend frayed table linen, securely and evenly baste a piece of thin muslin at the back, put into embroidery hoop and darn. When making new table-cloths it is well to save the threads pulled out when evening the edges for this purpose as well as darning linen towels.

Before lamp chimneys have been used, place a cloth in the bottom of a large pan, fill with cold water and place the chimneys in it. Cover and boil an hour, letting chimneys remain in water until cold. This "toughens" the glass and your chimneys will last for years.

It is often inconvenient to stop and tack in dress shields. This can be avoided by sewing a very narrow tape to each end of the shield, and another at each corresponding place in the arm-

holes. Tie to place, and when changed you simply have to tie in fresh ones.

The best kind of a laundry bag is hung by brass rings instead of draw strings. Make a strong inch hem, divide it into four parts and sew a ring into each. Hang bag onto one or two hooks. Small articles will go through a single opening, and for larger one or two hooks may be taken down.

Thoroughly clean both frames and netting of your screens before putting them away for winter. Go over the netting on both sides with a regulation screen paint, but if unable to procure this use house paint well thinned with turpentine. It is a saving of dollars to care for the screens annually.

When the sewing machine seems pretty much out of commission, remove the head from stand, turn it upside-down and pour over kerosene oil until it appears thoroughly washed out. Put back and without thread run until the kerosene is all run out, then oil with good machine oil and you will have a new machine.

Buttonholes in the neck bands of shirt-waists and bosom shirts often become torn and stretched. Repair by sewing a piece of tape flat along each edge of the buttonhole, bring it together at the ends and fasten securely. Tape should be just wide enough to extend to each side of band where it is again sewed.

A little friction at the heel because the shoe either does not fit or is too large will often in a day's time wear holes in the stockings. To prevent this, try making a heel protector from the wrist of an old glove. Take an old stocking for a pattern. A little experimenting may be necessary to get a good fit, but it's worth it.

You can make yourself a very satisfactory towel roller by taking a piece of broomstick a little longer than your towels are wide, drive a nail into each end, letting them extend an inch beyond. Screw window shade brackets to your wall (these can be bought for a nickel) the right distance apart to let the nails roll easily.

Keep "dustless dusters" prepared by dampening cheese-cloth with kerosene oil and placing it in a covered pail some days. When once used for dusting furniture, floors, leather, cane seats, willow chairs, picture frames, linoleum, oilcloth, etc., no other kind will ever be used. When filled with dust, wash and prepare for future use.

Pretty Christmas or other gift boxes are made by cutting pieces of cardboard into any required size, and covering the outside with fancy wall paper and the inside with plain white. Make eyelets at the corners with a stiletto and lace with baby ribbon. Put on the cover in the same way and ornament the top with a ribbon rosette to match lacings.

Four smooth, even patches of solder on the bottom of your dish-pan will prolong its life many times. Place one at the center, and the other three at even intervals near the edge. It's the friction on the bottom of the sink that wears out the dish-pan, and if these patches of solder are used the bottom will always remain bright and always be clean.

Instead of putting away remnants of food in the dish from which they were served, or into another clean bowl, make them ready to warm over for the next meal. For instance, a few baked beans or a little stew may be put into the small granite basin in which it is to be warmed. These little basins can be bought for five cents apiece and the good housekeeper cannot have too many of them.

"Mothers'" glue pot has saved many a dollar besides many times adding to the family comfort. Put into a large coffee cup a tablespoonful of fish glue and half fill with water. Simmer on the back of the range. When it is the consistency of heavy cream it may be used for gluing wood or leather. For mending toys, dolls, books or any of the numerous things about the house that become "started," thin with a little water.

Make use of every scrap of toilet soap. Cover the small pieces with cold water, let come to a boil and when dissolved stir in enough ground oatmeal to make a stiff batter. Pour into a pan and when nearly cold cut into squares. This soap will soften and whiten the hands. A good soft or liquid soap for the hands is made by covering a pint of bits of toilet soap with boiling water, adding three tablespoonfuls each of lemon juice and glycerine and one of borax.

If you would save yourself many steps besides the personal satisfaction of doing things with ease, have one or more medium-sized aprons made double at the bottom and stitched lengthwise into pockets to wear on sweeping days. Instead of laying down your brush, duster or any small article you may be using tuck them into your pocket, you will find it a great "saver" to have them within reach. You will also use one for the stray button, children's playthings, etc., that will be found laying around.

A left-over piece of linoleum makes an attractive waste-paper basket. Thirty-six inches by sixteen is a good proportion. If you have a small piece, use it just the same. With an .w1 make holes three quarters of an inch apart and about half an inch from the edge on all four sides. With a leather lacing, lace the two ends together, and go around the top and bottom edges with an

overcasting stitch. For the bottom cut a round piece of wood that will exactly fit and tack to place with brass-headed tacks from the outside.

A young friend of mine who lives in close quarters and needed a food cabinet of some kind made one from an old machine table. These can be bought at a small cost from any machine dealer. A board was fitted into the place where the head originally set and the top covered with white enamel cloth. In the drawers were kept knives, forks and spoons, tea, coffee, sugar and other necessities. Screw-hooks were fastened into the under side of the table where coffee and tea pot, frying pans, etc., were hung. A silkoline curtain put onto a brass rod hung around the cabinet.

A kitchen clothes-horse that you can make yourself will help out many a housekeeper. Take six broom handles, scrape and sandpaper down to the wood. Into each end put a screw-eye and into each of these a cord strong enough to hold up a bar of clothes. You now tie the six bars together, leaving a full foot or more between each bar. Into the ceiling put two hooks as far apart as your bars are long, and strong enough to support your six bars of clothes. Into each screw-eye of the top bar put a loop of the cord long enough to slip into the hooks in the ceiling and hang down to where you can reach it. When not in use, take down and put in a place free from dust.

### Cleaning and Renovating That a Woman Can Do

Olive oil and salt will remove white spots from furniture.

Fresh grease spots on the floor are removed by putting on dry soda, let stand a few minutes, pour over boiling water, let stand fifteen minutes longer and wash up.

Equal parts of linseed oil, turpentine, vinegar and spirits of wine make a first-class furniture polish. Shake well and apply with cheese-cloth or old pieces of cotton cloth that will not lint.

If ink or shoe polish gets spilled on the carpet with blotting paper take up all you can and then cover with sweet milk. Wipe up milk and pour over more, repeating until the carpet is clean.

If grease gets spilled on the carpet, lay over blotting paper and on this set a hot iron. Repeat until all the oil is drawn out. Now cover with tailor's chalk or whiting and let stand several days and brush off.

A handsome mission stain is obtained by mixing together boiled linseed oil and asphaltum in equal parts. Apply with brush, let stand two minutes and rub down. A polish may be given by using wax or varnish.

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## Sweet and Mellow Toned SCHMOLLER & MUELLER PIANO Read and Secure Our 1911 Proposition

You've waited, perhaps, for our 1911 Proposition to piano buyers. Here it is:

Yes, here is a proposition, friend, that is destined to crowd the battle all along the line still harder, as we have waged this fight in the past, against dealers' agents' and middlemen's methods and high prices.

The fight has been waged in the interest of every music-lover, man or woman, who objected to paying dealers' or agents' profits, selling expenses and the like, which in no possible way could add to the quality of a piano sold through middlemen.

This fight, friend, has been waged in your behalf and in the behalf of your neighbors, your friends, your acquaintances, whom we have been awakening to the justice of our Direct-to-the-Purchaser Plan of selling the Sweet Toned Schmoller & Mueller Piano, as compared with the unjust methods used by middlemen.

During the last year, especially, was the contest waged to a bitter end.

Thousands of Schmoller & Mueller Pianos were sold in communities where they had not up to that time been known.

The result is additional thousands of pleased customers, proud possessors now of the piano—the Sweet and Mellow Toned Schmoller & Mueller—which is sold direct to the purchaser.

This piano, which under our Factory-to-the-Purchaser Plan is sold at a Saving of from \$100 to \$150, and oftentimes more, as compared with the price you would be obliged to pay to the agent or dealer for a piano of such quality, which might give anywhere near as great satisfaction as the Schmoller & Mueller Piano is guaranteed to give.

Dealers, agents, middlemen, have been on the retreat. Business here and there in this community and that has been hard to secure during the year past.

Our Direct-to-the-Purchaser Plan has been too hard for them; they could not keep music-lovers from buying direct when they knew that money was to be saved, quality secured, and that lasting satisfaction was to be the result.

Dealers and agents failed, although they often used dastardly efforts to stem the tide of buyers who purchased in constantly increasing numbers Schmoller & Mueller Pianos as the year 1910 fast waned.

Now, then, our 1911 Proposition to piano buyers is intended to carry forward to nearer completion this fight in your behalf, and in the behalf of every music-lover who wants to save money and be assured that a quality piano will be secured.

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## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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you could organize one. If anyone will inclose stamp I will send literature telling how to begin.

It gives me great pleasure to know that the editors of this dear paper are so outspoken against evil of every kind.

I live in a small town, but it is saloonless and

We have one beautiful little boy in our home. My heart goes out in tender sympathy to those mothers who have lost the "flowers of their hearts," but God knows best. They are safe within His keeping.

Best wishes to all for 1911.

Mrs. Daisy Humes Phipps, Atlanta, Texas.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I wrote a letter to COMFORT a while ago and said if anyone wished to know more about northern Arizona and would write to me I would surely answer. But wouldn't you let me answer all those hundred letters through your columns and take the stamps and turn them over to Uncle Charlie for his invalid's wheelchair fund? We have sold our place and are so torn up I have no time to answer them separately.

We have a great deal of timber here; pine, cedar, cottonwood, etc., fine water and lots of it. The Verde valley (which means green) is not large but all good land. Land sells from ten dollars to three hundred dollars per acre, owing to the state of cultivation. Cattle sell for about sixteen dollars to twenty dollars per head. Vegetables all the year if you try to have them. All irrigation, but dry farming is being tried. Results not certain. Stock farming pays. Good market for produce, but have to climb mountain roads to get to market. Fine climate; recommended for all pulmonary trouble. Living rather high, I think about like all the extreme West. Crops never fail, and fruit fine. Better come with enough money to live on one year; one hundred and fifty dollars or two hundred dollars. Fine schools and church privileges and as good people as can be found only you can't expect them not to drive a good bargain so long as the competitive system exists.

Mrs. Mary J. Jack, Cornville, Arizona.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been a silent reader of your dear COMFORT letters, for a long time. I read them over and over again; they are all so friendly and helpful.

Does any sister know of a home remedy for salt-rheum? My hands are almost covered with it and the itching is terrible at times. I'd be very thankful indeed. I am twenty-five years of age, married and have a dear little girl that is the sunshine of our home.

We are looking for a nice little farm of about twenty acres, located about one quarter to one half a mile from town in the southern part of Wisconsin or Minnesota. We would like to have a home of our own again, as we have sold our town home, intending to go on a little farm. Farm life is beautiful I think. I have a very kind husband so I feel quite contented.

I am interested in quilt and lace work. I shall be pleased to hear from the sisters.

May God bless you all.

Mrs. Jos. Wolf, Park Falls, Box 173, Wis.

MY DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Since my letter appeared in this corner, over a year ago, I have been flooded with letters and post-cards and though I have tried to answer all I fear that some of you may have been overlooked and I take this means of reaching you and thanking you for your kind remembrance on the 21st of July, 1909.

Last March we came here and bought land. We had always been renters, but got tired of renting and working for the "other fellow," so decided we would get a home of our own. We came here where land is cheap and are very much pleased with this locality, and can say that it is just the place for a poor man to get a start on a farm of his own.

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Don't you all think COMFORT the very best little paper printed and isn't it rightly named COMFORT? It is like a ray of sunshine entering the home. It is such a great comfort as well as a pleasure to read the letters and Uncle Charlie's letters. Dear Uncle Charlie, if we could all be more like him what a different world this would be. It is our duty to help one another. If we have been benefited in any way and another asks knowledge we should give them the help we have received, not grudgingly, but freely. How near our lives are like an open book, such day like a page revealing to those around us whether it is benighted or benighted, divine or brutal. These papers are those who try to follow the paths of the just, which leads to the heavenly glory.

My daughter is married and two oldest sons are railroad men, so all I have left to cheer and comfort me is my baby boy Eugene, aged eight. He is a great comfort to me and gives me a pleasure in his little life to do and goes at times when wishing and singing with never a complaint. I believe in giving each child some little work to do as it keeps them from becoming selfish and teaches them to help mamma and papa. If it wasn't for him I would be very lonesome indeed living among strangers as I now do in our new home. Let us when a stranger moves into our midst give them plenty of time to make their home comfortable then go and spend the afternoon with them, and if you can't speak kindly of all your neighbors do not speak of them at all. I have learned to be a very close observer of strangers and when they come and tell you disagreeable things of someone else look out.

We should welcome newcomers and try to help them get the good will of all and not try to make a poor impression on this one or that one. "Always do to others as you would have them do to you," is my motto. Now for a few hints.

To relieve toothache, take a piece of newspaper and burn it on a plate when it is all burned there will be a brownish oil-like substance on the plate. Take a whiff of it, and it will relieve almost instantly.

I will close by asking all those who can to please send me pieces for patchwork to help pass away the long evenings, which seem very lonely sometimes.

The kindness will be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes to COMFORT and its happy band of workers, I remain,

Mrs. Elsie A. Collins, Rock Creek, Pine Co., Box 75, Minn.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have long been a silent reader of COMFORT and think it a grand paper.

I am twenty-eight years old, and was married eight years Christmas. We have two healthy little children, a girl of five, and a baby boy of fourteen months. They are the pride of our home. Their papa works nights, and they are so much company to me.

Sisters, how many of you sent some words of cheer to Miss Floral Waldo? I did and my heart is full of sympathy for her in her sad affliction. I sympathize with all the shut-ins.

I want to send a yeast cake, which I think is just fine. I have the best of luck with my bread. I would like a shower March 14th.

With best wishes to all, I am a COMFORT sister.

Mrs. W. E. Hixley, 1931 Piggett Ave., St. Louis, Ill.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

It has been nearly three years since my last letter appeared in COMFORT and I have lived in several different places since then.

By my letter in COMFORT I have made some very good friends, which I am corresponding with regularly. One lady who wrote to me from Birmingham, N. Y. I visited this summer, and found in her an ideal friend and associate. I expect a visit from her next summer.

COMFORT still holds a spot in my heart, for it has been in our home very nearly ever since its first publication, and is like a friend when it comes every month.

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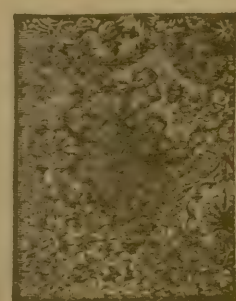
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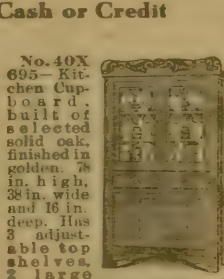
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Mrs. J. W. Butts, Dearborn, Mo.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

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# Home Life at the White House

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number of remarkably becoming new ones she has worn this season, was of a pink satin foundation and was draped with black chiffon embroidered in silver. She carried a cluster of orchids.

Miss Helen Taft, the White House belle, was much admired in a dainty gown of blue satin belted in chiffon, while the ladies of the Diplomatic corps were unusually magnificently gowned and jeweled.

The State dining-room was put to a thorough test of its hospitality as there were over a thousand people present at the reception. The table reached from end to end, and from it a score of busy waiters served dainty and substantial refreshments and a mild fruit punch. Throughout the entire evening the Marine Band played with its characteristic brilliance and finesse. A pleasing feature of the music at this reception is the rendering of the national air of each country represented.

When the last presentation has been made, the band takes its stand in the East Room and starts up the dance music, much to the delight of the young people. On this particular occasion the President demonstrated his accomplishments in dancing, but was outdone by Speaker Cannon, who proved himself to be seventy odd years young. The dancing continued until midnight and not until the last guest had departed to the cloakroom to be wrapped and bundled by the attendants waiting there, did the President and Mrs. Taft go up-stairs.

This administration has revived the custom of serving refreshments at the State Receptions which used to form such a delightful part of the program at the old levee or drawing-rooms, but which for a number of years had been discontinued.

History tells very little of this feature of the entertaining in the early days, save to dwell on the details of a few conspicuous events.

The famous "Cheese Reception" held on Washington's birthday 1837 started out with the best intentions on the part of President Jackson to give the general public a chance to assemble at the White House and pay their respects to him and also to view and sample the mammoth cheese. This cheese was the gift of some of his admirers in New York State and was a curiosity because of its size. It was about five feet high, six feet in diameter and weighed about three quarters of a ton. It was kept for a while just as a curiosity until the President conceived the plan of letting the public have a taste of it. Accordingly he gave out a general invitation for everyone to come and to bring a knife to cut his piece of cheese. The public stood not upon the order of their going, and for hours, in fact, as long as there was anything left to cut, the place was filled with a seething, scrambling, mob composed of men, women and children, white and black, who cut and slashed at the cheese, eating and carrying away great chunks, until the whole had vanished, save the portion which had been trodden and beaten into the carpet which was slippery with cheese and completely ruined. This was the last function of President Jackson's term and was even worse than the scene of destruction which the populace created at the levee following his arrival at the White House after taking the oath of office on his inauguration day. Then the mob ruined the furniture, carpets and hangings, broke the windows and killed all the shrubbery, in the mad pell mell rush for the punch which was served in tubs on the lawn.

Such a furore would be impossible in this day because the Executive Mansion is too well supplied with guards and police and the crowds are compelled to keep in order.

One of the New Year Receptions during John Quincy Adams' time had resolved itself into such an unmanageable crush that General Scott had his pocket picked of eight hundred dollars.

The other three State receptions are in most respects so similar to the Diplomatic reception just passed that a description of one answers for all. Perhaps from the nature of their calling, the Judiciary of the country should be more solemn and sedate but even the severe majesty of the law unbends before the genial good nature of former Judge Taft.

The state dinners, like the receptions, are very much alike. The Diplomatic is essentially the most formal, the law of precedence being strictly observed. It has also been classed as the most brilliant but that is a debatable question. There are usually about ninety guests and the most historic and beautiful table ornaments and the rarest orchids grown in the White House conservatories are brought forth to give beauty to the crescent shaped table. At the dinner this season there were present representatives of thirty-eight powers, some of whom have been present at similar functions under other administrations. The Austro-Hungarian ambassador who sat at Mrs. Taft's right has dined at the White House with four Presidents, beginning with President Cleveland. Others were guests for the first time.

In all entertainments whether formal or apparent, Mrs. Taft's taste and skill are apparent. She exercises a personal supervision over the entire place and while, of course, she is never under the necessity of going into the kitchen, yet she is thoroughly familiar with all of the domestic machinery.

The arrangement and selection of all flowers, menus, and color scheme of all decorations are according to her wishes and she also looks over the lists of guests to be invited for each affair. She has the help of a large and capable corps of assistants, including her new social secretary, Miss Lettman, and the eight handsome, refined young officers from the army and navy, who are potent factors in the entertaining and, contrary to the first impression, have many serious duties besides merely adding to the scheme of decoration.

Mrs. Taft's social career in the Philippines, at Washington previously as the wife of a cabinet officer, and in her home in Cincinnati have all helped to provide her with the equipment of a successful leader. She has a magnetic personality, and in the matter of mental attainment she is rated by some critics to be the best fitted woman of any who ever graced the position she now holds. Besides being a musician of unusual talent she is a widely read woman and a linguist. Her tastes as a hostess are most delicate and liberal and so far her regime has borne out all that was predicted of it when she first entered the White House. In the matter of dress, her taste is considered unimpeachable. She seems to have a preference for blues for street wear and pinks for evening though she by no means confines her selections to these shades.

There is no iron-clad rule covering the problem of dress at public functions but all who receive the compliment of an invitation, to any one of these, are supposed to manifest enough patriotic

pride in the office of the Chief Magistrate to at least acquit themselves with credit both as to appearance and manners. While the regulation dress clothes for men and décolleté for women may not be within the reach of the modest purse, yet it behooves all who assemble, at the bidding of the President, to put forth the best effort to comply with the customs of the times and in most cases this is done.

As a rule the gowns are beautiful, many of them magnificent, and costly and the same may be said of the display of jewels.

This freedom in the matter of dress did not all ways prevail, for in Mrs. Monroe's time all who failed to appear in the correct small clothes and silk stockings were refused admittance. So great a stickler was she, for formality, that some of her own relatives were excluded upon these grounds. It mattered not that the unfortunate gentlemen had made a long journey to be present and that their baggage failed to arrive in time. They simply were not allowed to present themselves within the sacred portals in traveling togs.

While the great majority now manage to conform to the latest, up-to-date modes, there are always some few, in every gathering of people who are conspicuous exceptions in the matter of dress, and here at the President's Receptions this is also true.

One never fails to find the sentimental and economical matron in her wedding finery. It is often somewhat yellowed, wrinkled and redolent of moth preventive and years and years behind the present style, but to her mind it is the one gown par excellence, and she sees none of its many deficiencies. That particular dress figured in the greatest dress parade of her life, and in her opinion, is quite good enough for any occasion that may arise thereafter. As the years pass and madam gains in breadth and weight, new gowns may be added to the skirt and side extensions to the bodice, but the original train hangs on undisturbed to the end of the chapter.

Among the throng, at one of the late receptions, there was a dear, sweet-faced old lady, who created a mild, well-bred stir of excitement by her very unusual appearance. All unconscious of the attention she attracted, she gently and eagerly edged her way along on the arm of a venerable distinguished looking man who seemed as indifferent to comment as his wife.

Her snowy hair was gaily bedecked with a wreath and the gown she wore reminded one of a fashion plate of the Civil War period of styles. It had billowy flounces and was cut round and low at the shoulders and gave forth the fragrance of lavender. During their progress toward the Blue Room they met an acquaintance and from the conversation overheard, it developed that the old lady had not visited the White House since she, as a bride, had attended a function given during the Lincoln Administration, and that, just a few days before the untimely end of the first martyred President. The quaint, creamy, stiff old satin with its many flounces and rare old lace was the wedding dress and had been worn on both visits. The same old lady made the most perfect courtesy when she was presented to the President and murmured "Your Excellency" with a grace and charm that surpassed any effort of the debutante of the present day, athletics and physical culture and stayless gowns, to the contrary notwithstanding. Wreath, dress and manner all revived memories of ante bellum days of stately gallantry and old world elegance.

Another costume, also worn by an elderly lady, was so pretentious, and at the same time so distinctive a type, as to make the wearer the observed of all observers. It also resembled an old portrait. Inquiry divulged the fact that the dress had been constructed many years ago and worn on the event of the presentation of the owner at the court of Queen Victoria. As a dress it was surely a marvel, viewed from a present day standpoint of style. It was brocaded satin in white and several shades of lilac and heliotrope in puffy design, outlined in threads of silver. The enormous court train was truly regal, being of purple velvet edged with ermine and the low corsage, and high Queen Elizabeth collar at the back completed a most striking outfit which was emphasized by the wonderful head-dress. The lovely white hair was piled high upon the head in a bewildering succession of waves, puffs and little curls and was topped off with a high and waving mass of white plumes. The wearer of all of this magnificence turned out to be an American magazine writer, instead of a scion of royalty, who had resided in England more than a quarter of a century.

Washington gossip claim that the new Congresswoman's wife, in her first season is easily spotted, particularly if she comes from the rural districts. They declare that she always prepares for her introduction into society in the most economical manner, that is, by getting a dress pattern and a half of black satin and having the home dressmaker make her a gown with two bodices. One is made with low neck and short sleeves, no matter how much nature may protest, and is designed for evening wear, while the other is constructed on dressy lines with a view to general utility so that it may answer for calls, weddings, funerals and even teas and shopping. So wherever Mrs. New Congressman goes she is known by her black satin dress and wedding jewelry, only in the first season, however, for she learns, and learns quickly, the ways of the new world into which she has plunged and soon joins the ranks of those who so short a time before were deriving endless amusement over her contrived clothes and her worried importance and helplessness in the face of the many intricate social problems which daily arose to confront her.

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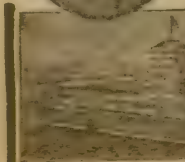
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Strongly scented flowers always give excellent results, so for this reason it is best to use roses, violets, tuberose, lavender and spicy smelling carnations. Should you be flower-less, you can even make use of the modest sweet clover blossom. It is free to all and works in nicely for sachets.

Now let me tell you my way for making delicious toilet water. Go out into your garden and pick some early roses, as at this season of the year they are blooming profusely in the warmer sections of this country. (Of course the Eastern or Northern woman will have to postpone her flower-gathering for another month). When you have gathered an armful of roses pick off the petals delicately, trying not to bruise them, and lay them on a tray to dry. This will take at least twenty-four hours and if the sun's rays are not very warm it will probably take two or three days. When the petals are dried to your satisfaction, pour them into a peck measure until it is full to overflowing. Throw this peckful of withered blossoms into a stone jar and pour over them one quart of spirits of cologne. Let this fragrant mixture stand for twelve hours, then pour off the liquid. Add to it as much attar of rose as you can afford. If your pocketbook is slim, two drops of the attar will be sufficient. Add also half a grain of musk and let stand for seven or eight days. At the end of this time, pour into a gallon jug, fill up with spirits of cologne and let stand for two weeks. You will then be the possessor of a perfectly exquisite toilet water, which it will be a pleasure to use. If you do not want to make up such a large quantity of the toilet water, halve or quarter the formula.

Do you want to have your house filled with sweet odors? You do? Then make yourself a clover jar. Invest in a gigantic jar, the bigger the better. It can be a heavy white glazed crock or it can be of delicately decorated china, but it must be big. Fill this three quarters full with sweet clover tops. These tops must be well dried before they can be used. When the sweet clover tops are in the jar, sprinkle them with an ounce of rose geranium. Open this jar for half an hour each day in the different rooms, stirring it up with a spoon. In the twinkling of an eye your house will smell as sweet as a rose.

Wet shampoos are a great nuisance as all women are willing to admit, so why not cleanse your hair with a powder as the Japanese women do? They take lavender buds, mint leaves and dried carnation buds and hammer them with a wooden mallet until they are finely powdered. These quaint little creatures then take equal quantities of fine cornmeal and the crushed flowers and herbs and mix them together. The result is a delightfully pungent powder which is sprinkled over the hair and allowed to remain on for ten minutes and then brushed out. Try this way of cleansing your pretty tresses and see if you don't like it.

A delightful sachet can be made by powdering together lavender buds and sweet clover. Mix with an equal quantity of orris root and you have a sachet which costs you only a few cents. Now I want to tell just how to make a scent which is used in far-off Russia to bring back the roses to the cheeks of weary society belles. This sounds interesting, does it not? We are all apt to lose our roses when worn out with household duties and it is pleasant to have some harmless lotion that will tint the pale cheeks with carmine. This magic scent is on your pocketbook. Put a pint of spirits of cologne into a jug. Into this add six drops of attar of rose and two grains of musk. In six weeks the perfume will be ready to use. With the palm filled with the magic liquid, spat the cheeks gently for ten minutes, then look in the glass and see what you will see!

Headaches come to all and should be dealt with severely. Next time you are troubled in this way take a sniff of headache scent which should be contained in a tiny vial. Such a scent can be made by anyone and is a great convenience.

Headache Scent.  
Pour strong violet water over tiny squares of ammonia, then drain off the superfluous liquid.

Keep vial tightly corked. This is a precaution you should observe with all perfumes, to let waters, etc. Do not let them "waste their sweetness up on the desert air."

On the toilet table of every woman from Maine to California should be a bottle of cologne. I love cologne, don't you? I guess every woman does. Now I am going to let you into a secret. I intend giving you the formula from which I make my own cologne. I hope you will like it as well as I do.

Home-made Cologne  
Extract of cassia, one and one quarter pints; extract of orange flowers, one and one quarter pints; extract of rose, two and one half pints; tincture of vanilla, ten ounces; oil of cloves, thirty-seven and one half grains; oil of cloves, thirty-seven and one half grains.

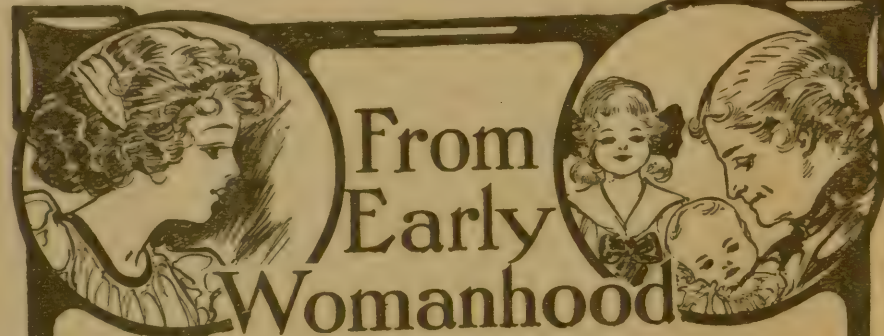
Mix well together and pour into several pretty bottles with screw tops. Seal them securely and set away for two weeks. Use this cologne sparingly as it is very fragrant, and a drop on your handkerchief or dress bosom will send out a sweet odor for several hours.

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Shredded fine white soap, one half ounce; rosewater, one ounce; solution of ammonia, one ounce; alcohol or bay rum, one half ounce, rainwater, eight ounces.

Mix. Dissolve the soap in the heated rainwater. When nearly cool, add the ammonia, rosewater and the alcohol, stirring constantly.

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Mrs. Lover of Comfort.—Your letter was not received in time to get in the January issue of Comfort. I am sorry. To reduce your large stomach, I would suggest wrapping around it a broad band of thin rubber. Fasten ends securely and then, for one hour, alternately drink hot water and practice the following exercise.

### Exercise to Reduce Large Stomach

Stand with arms outstretched above your head, then bend from the waist until your finger tips touch the ground. Do not bend knees.

Troubled Girl, Old Maid, Worried Ann, Mrs. X. B. C., Texas Woman, Waiting and others.—To rid yourself of the ugly wrinkles leading from the nose to the mouth, massage them daily for five minutes. Cover lines thickly with skin food, then place the first and second finger of either hand under the center of the lower lip. Move fingers outward around the corners of the mouth up to the nose. Another thing you can do to banish these ugly lines, is to fill cheeks full of air, then gently pinch your way along the crease from the mouth up to the nose. To plump cheeks, coat them thickly with cow's cream once a day and let cream stay on for two hours. Apply following lotion to your red nose night and morning.

### Lotion for Red Nose

Tannic acid, twenty grains; glycerine, one ounce.

Blackheads are a great beauty defect but are not difficult to cure. Every night scrub nose diligently with a nail brush dripping with hot sudsy water. After the nose bath is over, rub in quite a good deal of boracic powder. Once a week make the soap jelly referred to so frequently in this department, and spread it over the nose. After fifteen minutes, wash the jelly off and massage in a little cream. Keep up this treatment for a while and the blackheads will disappear.

Cathleen, Doris, Jennie, Youngster, Mrs. A., Ed's Wife, Earnest Maid and others.—You are a little too heavy. You should weigh about one hundred and fifty-five pounds. Your measurements are fine. Yes, your shoe size is right for your height. Apply the following lotion to pimple points three times a day.

### Pimple Lotion

Precipitate of sulphur, one dram; tincture of camphor, one dram; rosewater, four ounces.

Lonely Opale, Sick Jane, Thin and Lean, Miss Wyandotte, Subscriber and others.—Holding your hands in warm sweet almond oil for twenty minutes daily will keep them soft and white. Rubber gloves do not whiten hands. Paint the face with lemon juice if you want to bleach your freckles out of existence. This is quite a severe bleach, so don't use it if your skin is sensitive. I am giving formula below for a cream that I like.

### Orange-flower Skin Food

Spermaceti, one half ounce; white wax, one half ounce; sweet almond oil, two ounces; lanoline, one ounce; coconut oil, one ounce; tincture of benzoin, three drops; orange-flower water, one ounce.

Melt the first five ingredients in a porcelain kettle, take from fire and add the benzoin and the orange-flower water, stirring it with an egg beater until cold.

I know of the Company you mention and understand they are reputable. If you will practice turning the head first to the left and then to the right, for ten minutes twice a day, you will soon have a

plump neck. While practicing this exercise, the muscles of the neck must be held tense and the chin should be stretched up and out.

### Bleach for Yellow Neck

One ounce strained honey, one teaspoonful of lemon juice, six drops of oil of bitter almonds, whites of two eggs, enough fine oatmeal to make a fine paste.

Spread this thickly on a piece of cotton cloth, three inches in width, and tie as a bandage around the throat. Four or five of these applications should bleach the neck to a satin whiteness. Remember this is not a face bleach and the oil of bitter almonds is a poison and must not be swallowed or left within the reach of children.

To bleach the face, you should use the almond meal mask spoken of so often in this department.

Elsie.—I am forced to confess that I cannot help you. Why don't you like almond-shaped eyes? They are considered very pretty.

Black Eyes, Young Miss, Sweet Sixteen, Anxious Mother and others.—As you are sixteen you should wear your dresses just below your shoe-tops. You wear your skirt too short for a girl of your age. You evidently have a good bust. Quinine rubbed on the finger-nails will keep you from biting them. As you did not give me color of eyes, hair or complexion, I could

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## I QUICKLY CURED MY SUPERFLUOUS HAIR

You May Cure Yours too by a Simple Remedy Learned from the Japanese

Will Give the Benefit of My Experience to Anyone Free of Charge

Ever since I was a little girl, I was cursed with a growth of Superfluous Hair. I didn't mind it so much then, but when I grew to young womanhood, the humiliation grew upon me until it became almost a nightmare. It finally got to the point where I was ashamed to go out of the house, and at the coming of a stranger, I wanted to run and hide my face. The thing preyed on my mind until there were times when my spirits were at their lowest ebb, and I often thought life a burden.

I tried every sort of powder, paste, cream, lotion and remedy that I could lay hold of—even the painful electric needle—but to no avail. The hair not only would not leave, but it grew worse. What I suffered under the needle, I can't describe.

One day a friend who had traveled much, recommended a simple little remedy learned from the Japanese. It removed the hair at once and without pain, and in a few days I was the happiest girl in America. The hair had disappeared. It left no scar, and it didn't hurt at all. Today my face is still free from any trace of it.

I am so happy at my own success that I want every other woman to have the chance to remove the ugly disfiguring hair from her face, neck and arms so that they can go into society or to business, free from embarrassment, able to wear short sleeves, and go without a veil. All who want to destroy their growth as I did likewise, free of charge, by just sending me a two-cent stamp—that's all I ask—just to pay actual postage for reply in plain sealed envelope. Address Mrs. Caroline Osgood, 553 B. L. Custom House St., Providence, R. I.

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## Comfort's League of Cousins

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of those great, big, juicy sort of grouches (you know the kind I mean, Daniel, as you've had one for many a moon), but Daniel, my dear boy, never get a grouch, never nurse a grievance, never fill your mortal hide with the poisonous toxins of resentment, anger, hate and all uncharitableness, unless you have a positively certain that you have a real cause for complaint, a genuine grievance, a cruel wrong you would shed your last drop of honest blood to right. Now Daniel, my dear Daniel, why did you get it into your thick box, that because you coughed up your little twenty-five cents for a subscription, that the expenditure of that princely sum absolutely entitled you to air your views in COMFORT on any and all subjects whenever the spirit moved you. If you bought a quarter's worth of eggs in a grocery store would that entitle you to ownership of the store? If I thought a plate of soup in your hotel, would that give me the right to claim the whole of your bean joint as my property? We have over a million and a quarter subscribers to COMFORT, Daniel, and about six millions of readers, and if your subscription entitles you to have your letters published in our columns, all our other enormous army of subscribers necessarily must be entitled to the same privilege. Now, my very dear Daniel, can you imagine what sort of a magazine this would be if we tried to publish even ten thousand letters every month, let alone a million and a quarter. My dear boy we would need a magazine of from one to ten thousand pages monthly, and instead of paying twenty-five cents a year for it, you would have to cough up at least five hundred dollars an issue. At the most, I can only publish ten or a dozen letters monthly, and every month I receive from one to two thousand pieces of mail for publication. You say: "I think my money is as good as your house as any place else." Translating that sentence into English, Daniel, and it needed quite a lot of translation to get it into English, I assure you, I understand you to mean that your money is as good as anyone else's. So it is, my dear Daniel so it is, and also by all the rules of logic and plain reasoning, other people's money is just as good as yours, and the letters of the little folks which I have published, and which seem to have greatly aroused your ire, have just as much right to be in print as yours, and in fact more so, as primarily this department was intended for the young folks, and I believe Daniel, that you are a gentleman who has attained to the dignity of manhood. I am sorry, Daniel, that you object to the young folks sending me their love, and begging me to come and visit them. Now I am very proud of those sentiments and those invitations. They would not love me unless I gave them cause to love me, and it's a glorious thing, Daniel, to have won the hearts of the young, for remember Christ said that of such were the Kingdom of Heaven. You know, Daniel, no man can please everyone. I never shall even attempt to do it. I have to disappoint nearly two thousand people every month, and yet, the disappointed ones instead of feeling anger and resentment, as you do, take the disappointment in good part and harbor no resentment against me, as alas, Daniel I fear that you do. Usually I make it a point to publish a certain number of letters that call for serious comment, written by adults, and a certain number for the little ones filled with the prattle of youth, letters which give me opportunity for fun making, which they and also the grown ups heartily enjoy. I am glad to hear that ten thousand people in Tampa have bragged about some of the letters I have published, though, Daniel, I fear that this is somewhat of an exaggeration on your part, as we have not that number of subscribers in Tampa, and unless you hired a hall seating ten thousand people, and read these letters to them, I hardly see how you can positively state that ten thousand people did really brag about some of the letters being grand, and also, alas, some of the others being disgraceful. You say that your letters were basted on drinking and cigarettes. Maybe your letter got basted so tightly to one of the cigarettes that you, or one of your friends in a moment of abstraction, smoked the cigarette, and the precious document went up in air, and unless you hired a hall seating ten thousand people, and read these letters to them, I hardly see how you could have basted your letter on drinking, as drinking is the act of imbibing liquid, and it would be hard to baste a letter on anything fluid, though you may, of course have basted it on the bottle containing the fluid, and if you did it is possible of course that Billy the Goat or some evil person may have swallowed the bottle. Your suggestion, Daniel, that I have a fondness for cigarettes and whiskey is an unkind thrust, wholly unworthy of so noble a soul as yourself. I have always despised and detested whiskey, and nothing alcoholic has passed my lips in fourteen years. One drop of whiskey in a tumblerful of water would give me a violent headache and a first-class jag. I have used my voice, pen and all my influence for years in fighting both cigarettes and whiskey. Some of my dearest friends have been killed by both and I would prohibit their manufacture and sale tomorrow if I had my way—so my dear boy you are wide of the mark. The fact that your letter was "basted" on the subject of cigarettes and whiskey was probably the reason I destroyed it, for I cannot keep harping on this subject in every issue. I would weary and disgust our readers if I did. Another reason maybe, why I didn't publish your letter, Daniel (and I reject thousands for the same reason) was because your spelling, punctuation and knowledge of our native tongue, was so original and paralyzingly unique, that I simply did not dare spray it on our readers. At the end of your letter, Daniel, you make this remark: "There is more paper than you, sir." You are quite right, Daniel. In this statement you have truth lashed to the mast, for I am mere flesh and bones (chiefly the latter) a mere hunk of human clay and there is not an atom of paper in my composition. A man did tell me once that he would give me a twenty dollar bill if I would swallow it, and I swallowed it all right, hugged the sweet delusion to my soul that it was all mine. I had some paper inside me then, but alas! the man was holding a string to the bill, and just as I was going to walk away with the bill inside me, he jerked the string, and up came the bill. You also add: "I will continue to do as I have said, to publish your paper." It is very kind of you to offer to publish "COMFORT". If you only Mr. Gannett an awful pile of money if you only will. COMFORT does not stand to its work, Daniel. Most of COMFORT's employees sit down to their work and as far as my work is concerned, Daniel, I lie down to it. Your money is all right, Daniel, and so are you. The only trouble is, like many other good men, you are laboring under a delusion. No publication on earth, gives anyone the absolute right to have their communications printed in its columns. If we gave all of those who subscribed to our paper such a privilege, we would lose all our subscribers in a month, and we would have a publication that would look as though it had been edited and written by a bunch of lunatics in a first-class bug house. I published your letter, Daniel, exactly as written, adding a comma and period here and there to make it more intelligible. I hope the fact that you will experience and that our readers will also experience in seeing your letter in print, will move them alone for the anguish and mortification I may have innocently caused by failing to publish your previous valued communications.

KITTANNING, R. E. 4, PA.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE: I go to school. There are twenty-six goes to our school. We have four cows and four calves. I wash the dishes. It is thirteen days to Santa Claus comes. Last year he brought me a doll and a table. Some color. I have missed a day of school. I am in the third reader and in the speller and in long division. I have sisters and one brother. I am eight years old, and my oldest sister is six years old,

and my youngest sister is two years old and my only brother is three years old. I hope that Billy won't get this.

GERTRUDE MCKEE.

Gertrude, yours is a bright little letter. It is capitally written. I wish some of the older cousins could see it. It's your own unaided effort too, I know that. Glad to hear that you wash the dishes. Dish washing is a mean job, but somebody has to do it. I hope you wash your hands thoroughly before you start to polish the dishes. I know a little boy who helps his mother wash dishes, and he says the only time his hands are clean is when he gets through washing the platters. He puts more dirt on the dishes than he takes off. The health of humanity is menaced by armies of disease germs. There are billions of disease germs on the average boy's dirty hands. Children fondle a cat and a dog, when these animals beg for food during meal times, then immediately after they handle bread and cake with their fingers. Animals are great carriers of disease. The germ of diphtheria especially is carried by cats. Just think of all the filth that animals roll in, and bring into the house in minute quantities you cannot see. Those invisible atoms, when they get into your system as they readily and quickly do, can kill the strongest man. Fortunately we have armies of friendly germs in our blood, and they fight the disease germ to the death. They know the invaders and go for them tooth and nail. Science, through the medium of moving pictures and the microscope has been able to actually let us see some of these desperate battles between life-and-death germs. Some animals never get a bath in all their lives, so you can imagine what an accumulated amount of dirt and filth they carry about with them, and what a menace they are to the health of the family. Now Gertrude, wash your hands thoroughly, and wash them with carbollic soap, before you attempt to wash dishes. I am glad you are doing so splendidly at school. Glad too, you got that tablet last Christmas. I know a man who died and left five hundred dollars for a tablet that was to be put up in church to his memory. He did not say what kind of a tablet it was to be, and his executor who was a very mean man, saw a chance to graft some of the five hundred. He put a tablet up in the church all right, and what kind of a tablet do you think it was? It was a peepsin tablet! Wasn't that awful? Gertrude? You say you are in the third reader and the speller. I hope you will know you are in long division. Short division is bad enough, but long division is terrible. I don't think it is right for a little girl like you to be in long division. Why are you being divided up in this way? You never know when these doctors start carving a person where they will quit. Tell the doctor it makes you feel all cut up. Your hope has been realized, dear. Billy did not get your letter, Gertrude. It was too good to be wasted on a goat.

KELSO, WASH.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

Kelso is located in southwestern Washington, in the center of Cowlitz Co. on the Cowlitz river, four miles from where it empties into the Columbia.

Portland, Oregon, is fifty miles south. The mouth of the Columbia is fifty miles west. Kelso has a population of over two thousand and is the biggest burg in the county. We voted to move the county seat here, Nov. 3, but lost out by a narrow vote from getting the necessary three fifths majority.

We have five sawmills and five shingle mills in Kelso and immediate vicinity and dozens of logging camps a few miles out. Nearly all of the logs are hauled to the river, dumped in and rafted and the rafts towed to Portland where they are manufactured into lumber.

How many of the cousins know how smelts are caught? The smelts run up this river from about the first of January till March. The fishermen have dipnets about two feet across, and four feet long, on the end of long poles. They go out in boats and anchor on a bar and scoop 'em up. When the main run is on in a few hours and they sell at fifty cents a box. I know this must seem impossible to people who have never seen it and I wouldn't blame anybody for not believing it, unless they did see it. I hear you exclaim "worse and more of it," when I tell you that last season there was one dip made that brought up a box and two thirds (eighty-five pounds) of smelt. There were five hundred and seventy-five fish and this is believed to be the biggest catch ever made here.

How many of the cousins contemplate coming West? People are coming in here every day, especially from the middle west, but more especially from Kansas. Most of them come from farms and when they get here, expect to work in sawmills, shinglemills, etc., which makes too many people for the jobs. What we need more than anything are more farmers. There are thousands upon thousands of acres of the best farming land that ever laid outdoors and where crops never fail, that is just waiting for someone to clear off the stumps and farm it.

Well, I will describe myself. I am twenty-one years old, have blue eyes, medium brown hair and fair complexion, height five feet nine inches without my shoes, and weigh about one hundred and forty pounds. They call me "Slim".

Well, I will close, hoping to hear from all the cousins. Will try to answer all letters unless I get more than "tein hundred".

Your affectionate nephew,

ALVIN F. RATHBURN, (No. 17,280.)

Allyn, yours is a newsy, interesting letter. Why did you vote to move the county seat? I suppose you thought it was your turn to sit on it did you? It seems ridiculous that a county should have only one seat. Probably that is all should have only one seat. Probably that is all they can afford for furniture does cost terribly these days. There are so many sawmills in Kelso though, it seems to me you ought to have more than one seat to your county. I am quite interested in your account of the smelt fisheries. Allyn, I caught two fish once, and when I got home there were three, two fish and one smelt. We are always glad in New York when smelts are in season. They are delicious, dainty little fish. I feel sorry for those who do not have the opportunity to have a feast of them during the season. One thing I don't understand, Allyn, is your method of catching smelts in the Columbia river. You say there was one dip made that brought up a box and two thirds of smelts. I suppose the fish all get in a box and another fish comes along and nips on the lid, and another fish jumps the box into the net, and you go off to town with the box and collect the money. It was very obliging of the fish to save you the trouble of boxing them. Maybe you catch the salmon canned as well as the smelts boxed. You are luckier than I am. I always was the unluckiest man that ever lived. If it was raining soup I would have a fork; if it was raining peas I'd be caught with a knife, and a knife in that case would be about as useful as a hall bedroom to a Mormon. You say the smelts run up the river from January till March. The run up the river I suppose they walk. Too bad rest of the year I suppose they fly. Sorry they don't swim once in a while. Sorry the Columbia has bars in it. Evidently it is no prohibition river. I suppose if the Columbia went dry the bars would have to close up. I notice that even in "dry" states the rivers still remain wet. Allyn I am glad my dear boy that you have made an appeal for more farmers. That's what the world needs, the United States especially. People are idling to swarm into towns and work for miserable wages. Why do men want to be wage slaves, building up fortunes for other men, bossed, harrassed and speeded up by superintendents and foremen, until the last ounce of strength, ambition and energy is sweated out of them? A newspaper in Leeds, England, recently sent one of its brightest writers to make a tour of this country and study industrial conditions and particularly study the condition of the wage earners. There was one thing in his report that deeply interested me. He noticed that there were no old men at work, in fact there were not even any middle-aged men. He asked the superintendent of a big factory in Ohio where the middle-aged and old men were. "Oh," said the superintendent, with a chuckle, "we killed them all off long ago, the old men are all out in the cemetery." Keep out of the factories and go back to the farm. If you don't make farming pay,



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## Home Dressmaking Hints

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No. 3452—Ladies' Corset Cover. Sizes 34 to 44 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires one and one quarter yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3706—Ladies' Corset Cover. With pelum. Sizes 32 to 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires one yard 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3109—Ladies' Princess Wrapper, having two styles of sleeves and standing or rolling collar. In sweep or regular length. Sizes 32 to 46 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires seven yards 40-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3812—Ladies' Jacket. Three quarter fitted and perforated for shorter length. Having two-seam sleeves. Sizes 32 to 44 inches bust measure. Price 15 cents.

No. 3623—Ladies' Plaited Skirt. In seven gores and regulation or shorter length. Sizes 22 to 32 inches waist measure. Price 15 cents.

No. 3552—Ladies' Costume without lining. Having waist and sleeve caps laid in plaits, and attached straight side-plaited skirt in regulation length. Closing in front. To be worn over gump. Sizes 32 to 40 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires six and one quarter yards 48-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3558—Ladies' Costume, having front in panel style. Skirt in five gores with inverted plait at center back and in regulation or shorter length. Closing to the left of center front under plait. To be worn over gump. Width around lower edge about four yards. Sizes 32 to 42 inch bust measure. Size 36 requires eight yards 27-inch material. Price 15 cents.

Braiding Design No. 11153 for Costume No. 3558. Perforated stamping pattern of braiding design, including stamping preparation and pattern. Price 35 cents.

No. 3206—Ladies' Blouse in conventional design for eyelet and shadow embroidery, or may be done solid. Sizes 32 to 42 inches bust measure. Price 15 cents.

No. 11011—Embroidery design for Ladies' Blouse No. 3206. Perforated stamping pattern including stamping preparation and pattern. Price 10 cents.

No. 3441—Ladies' Waist with lining. Three quarter length sleeves with sleeve-caps combined with body. Sizes 32 to 40 inches bust measure. Price 15 cents.

No. 3442—Ladies' Skirt closing to the left of center back under plait. In regulation length. Sizes 22 to 30 inches waist measure. Price 15 cents.

No. 3664—Ladies' Blouse. Without lining, having sleeve-cap combined with body. High or round neck. Sizes 32 to 40 inches bust measure. Price 10 cents.

No. 3568—Ladies' Skirt Yokes, consisting of two-piece yoke with seam over hips, dart fitted yoke and short circular yoke. Lower edges in two outlines. Sizes 22 to 32 inches waist measure. Price 10 cents.

No. 3146—Dutch Collar cuff sets. Sizes 13, 14 and 15 inches neck measure. Price 10 cents.

No. 3644—Misses' Norfolk Jacket. Having shawl collar and two-seam sleeve. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years. Price 15 cents.

No. 3621—Misses' Plaited Skirt. In seven gores. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years. Price 15 cents.

No. 3691—Misses' Costume. Having under-front, back and sleeve-caps in one piece, and an attached seven-gored skirt having a plait at each seam and inverted plait at center back. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years. Size 16 requires four and three quarters yards 44-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3085—Misses' Costume, consisting of a yoke waist with long tucked sleeves, perforated for shorter length and attached seven-gored skirt with inverted plait at center back. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years. Size 14 requires six and five-eighths yards 27-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3588—Misses' Costume, consisting of a Blouse Waist to be slipped on over the head, and a separate seven-gored skirt with inverted plait at center back. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years. Size 14 requires six and one half yards 27-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3426—Misses' Costume, with sleeve-caps and attached skirt, with front and back in panel style and circular yoke lengthened by a circular flounce. Closing to the left of center back under plait. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years. Size 14 requires five yards 40-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3791—Misses' Combination Undergarment, consisting of a corset cover with round or square neck, and circular closed drawers. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years. Size 16 requires two and seven eighths yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3548—Misses' Drawers. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years. Size 14 requires one and three quarters yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3215—Misses' and Girls' Sack Apron. High or low neck. Sizes six to 16 years. Size 10 requires three and one half yards 32-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3618—Child's Cape with hood or rolling collar and to be made with or without bias seam at center back. Sizes two to 10 years. Size four requires one and one half yards 44-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3620—Child's Coat having two-seam sleeves with turn-back cuffs and large collar in square or rounded outline. Sizes one half to six years. Size four requires one and three eighths yards 54-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3777—Child's One-piece Box Plaited Dress. To be made with or without trimming band. Closes at back under center box-plait. Sizes two to eight years. Size four requires two yards 44-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3509—Child's Dress, having full length sleeves, detachable yoke and attached skirt. Closing in front. Sizes four to 12 years. Size eight requires two and three quarters yards 44-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3434—Girl's Dress consisting of a blouse with sailor collar and a straight side-plaited skirt attached to underbody. Sizes six to 12 years. Size eight requires three and one quarter yards 44-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3873—Girl's Dress having high or square neck, full or elbow length sleeves and attached straight gathered skirt. Sizes four to 12 years. Size eight requires two and three quarters yards 40-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3688—Girl's One-piece Dress, having short sleeves combined with body and closing on shoulders. Sizes two to 12 years. Size eight requires two yards 40-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3624—Girl's Dress, consisting of a blouse with sailor collar, and a straight side-plaited skirt attached to underbody. Sizes six to 12 years. Size eight requires three and one half yards 42-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 2144—Child's Rompers having two lengths of sleeves. Sizes two, four and six years, requiring two and three quarters yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 1342—Child's Bloomers. Sizes two to 12 years. Size eight requires one and one half yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 2509—Girl's Apron to be made either with sleeve or ruffle; the yoke of same or insertion. Sizes four to 12 years. Size eight requires three yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3845—Girl's Apron with turn-down collar and full length sleeve. Sizes four to 12 years. Size eight requires two and one eighth yards 45-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3865—Child's Apron and Bloomers. Sizes two to eight years. Size four requires three and three eighths yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3366—Child's Set of Short Clothes. Sizes one half to four years. Consists of dress with front and front yoke in one piece and single-breasted coat. Price 15 cents.

Transfer pattern of embroidery design, 10 cents.

No. 2233—Infant's Outfit. One size. Includes



bibs, sack and barrow coat, petticoat and bands, princess slip and dress. Price 15 cents.

No. 3115—Infant's One-piece Bishop Dress. High or low neck, short or long sleeves. One size. Requires two and one quarter yards 36-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 1265—Child's Cap, having the Dutch lap that may be omitted and to be made with or without the protection cape. Sizes, one half to four years. Price 10 cents.

No. 3439—Misses' and Girls' Sack nightgown. Having roll collar, long or short sleeves. Sizes two to 16 years. Size eight requires three and one quarter yards 30-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3825—Girls' Night Gown. High or round neck and having full length sleeves, sleeves combined with body. To be slipped on over the head. Sizes two to 10 years. Size six requires three yards 30-inch material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3606—Boy's Suit. Consisting of a Blouse with Shawl Collar and one-seam sleeves, and Knickerbocker trousers. Sizes two to six years. Size four requires two yards 54-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3188—Little Boy's Dress. To be made with high or square neck and with or without cuffs. Closing on left side. Sizes two, three and four years. Size three requires three and one eighth yards 30-inch material with one half yard 27-inch contrasting material. Price 10 cents.

No. 3300—Boy's Norfolk Suit, consisting of a jacket with notched collar and two-seam sleeves; also Knickerbocker trousers and fly closing. Sizes six to 14 years. Size 10 requires two and one quarter yards 54-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 3306—Men's Negligee Shirt with rolling collar and turn-back cuffs; perforated for straight cuffs. Sizes 14 to 17 inches neck measure, including half inch sizes. Size 14½ requires two and one quarter yards 36-inch material. Price 15 cents.

No. 11474—Embroidery design for pillow. Perforated stamping pattern with stamping preparation and pattern, 20 cents. To be developed in outline and solid stitch. Transfer pattern, 10 cents.

No. 11097—Design for pillow-top showing American Eagle and Flag. To be executed in outline or solid embroidery. Size 17 by 17 inches. Perforated stamping pattern, including stamping preparation and pattern, 20 cents. Transfer pattern of this design, 10 cents.

### Sewing Tips

Stitch wash goods with a fairly loose tension.

Always darn stockings and underwear with cotton. Wool will shrink and draw.

If children's stockings are darned at heels and toes before wearing they will last as long again.

For a loose machine belt, put on a few drops of oil, give the wheel a few vigorous turns and it will soon tighten.

A few cents' worth of alum dissolved in water enough to thoroughly wet the goods will "set" blue in cotton fabrics.

Try a simple embroidery design carried out with beads on sheer silk or chiffon. White beads on black is one of the smartest effects.

For rain coats or other materials that break where the buttons are sewed on, use a small button at the back, sewing through both at the same time. This relieves the direct strain.

It is often a pity to throw away the bottoms of negligee shirts as they are seldom worn at the time neckbands and sleeves give out. They can be utilized for little girls' dresses, using pattern No. 3608.

The importance of basting well is not fully realized by the inexperienced. If badly done the garment will never be satisfactory and you will wonder why one side of the sleeve seam dropped below the other, and why the shoulder seams after being stitched were uneven.

Adjustable sleeves for infants that cannot be easily outgrown are made by cutting the sleeves considerably longer than required at first. Make a tiny run of the inside seam and through it run a fine tape. Fasten at the cuff, pull up to the desired length and tie at the armhole to another short length. Let out when laundered. Have tape long enough to let out as baby's arm grows.

A neat and durable buttonhole for use on bands, undergarments, etc., can be made on the machine. Cut and overcast with fine thread both ways; that is, overcast around the buttonhole and back to the point of beginning. Stitch several times around, letting the first row hold the overcasting and the last row hold an eighth of an inch from edge. This will be a help to those who find the making of buttonholes difficult. The strength depends on proper overcasting, as well as evenness.

To baste properly, put the two edges together and baste in a true line just inside of where you will sew and with stitches that are not too long to hold firmly. The tailors who must do absolutely even work is taught to lay her work flat upon a board or surface, and the work is held in her lap. It is quite likely to slip. To baste over a board or table without putting the hand underneath the work and thus lifting it reveals some neatness and precision, but when completed the work is better and more even.

It would seem as if there was "nothing new under the sun" in the line of utility when I say that old stocking legs make good petticoats. They are cut open at the back seam; the foot cut off at ankle, and the pieces seamed together the same as any gored skirt. For the knee length they are simply long and wide and are finished with a cross-wise band put on so as to hold the stocking material out flat but not stretched. A shallow yoke of some thin, firm material makes the best tops. For the long petticoats, get the necessary length by adding a scant ruffle of any suitable material. In these days of fitted skirts great attention is being given to perfect fitting underwear, and the stockinet petticoats are shown in the best shops. The "stocking leg" petticoat can be made to do equally good service.

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# Comfort's League of Cousins

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man, strong of wind and limb would prefer wage slavery to agricultural independence beats me. Don't get the demoralizing habit of looking to another man for a living. Fill your star spangled American body with a love of liberty and independence, and be a farmer, a producer, adding to your own and the world's wealth, subduing nature and making the wild places of the earth smile with fruitful crops. Be a producer and not a mere consumer, be an independent, liberty loving American, not a dependent, harassed, doomed to die young, wage slave.

NAPER, NEBR.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:  
As I have never written to you I will now write. Mama has been reading some letters out of the Comfort. I am thirteen years old, have light hair and blue eyes. I am about four feet ten inches in height, and can make beds milk cows ride horseback and help in the house. I live on a farm three miles from town, and a quarter of a mile from school. I go to a little country school with only one room, three windows in one side and a door in one end. We have sixteen pupils in our room. I am in the sixth grade and I have a brother ten years old and he is in the fourth grade. Our town has about sixteen stores in it and about three hundred inhabitants in it. It has no railroad, our nearest railroad town is St. Charles, South Dakota. I hope you have a joyful Christmas. I will close. Answer this letter.  
IRENE DEAN.

Irene, you are quite a clever young lady, and though I am a pretty slick guy myself, or think I am, you have me lashed to the mast and whipped to a white froth, for versatility, cleverness and real genius. You say you can make beds milk cows ride horseback and help in the house. Many of the cousins have written that they can make beds milk cows, but you are the first one who has ever startled the world by proclaiming they can make beds ride horseback and help in the house. Do they bid, creep, crawl or fly? Are they alive or merely fossilized specimens of a prehistoric age? Do these inhabitations (I believe that is the correct way to pronounce it) come across with the dough for their cats, or does the town have to pay board for them? We are deeply interested in this matter, Irene, and I wish you would enlighten us on these points. I never heard of a town, city or village in my life which had a single inhabitation, let alone three hundred of them. Evidently these inhabitations must be a bunch of wops of more than ordinary importance, or you would not go out of your way to put us wise to the fact that you had three hundred of them herded in the vast metropolis, I mean metropolis of Napier, Nebr. Billy the Goat says he is of the opinion that you mean inhabitations, but there is such a vast gulf between inhabitations and inhabitations that I think Billy is smoking up the wrong tree this time. From the fact that the inhabitations didn't hit your burg in a Pullman, nor float in by freight, but must have hoofed it in across the prairie, dodging the gofer holes on foot. Well, whatever the inhabitations are, Irene, I am glad you have got them, and I am sure they must be the real goods or you would not brag about possessing them. If you'll send me one on a postal card, I'll have the wise guys in the Smithsonian Institute look it over and tell us what it really is. Maybe there are other towns possessing inhabitations, but if there are I never heard of them. You seem to have cornered the "inhabitation" market, Irene, and as long as they are not a bunch of lemons I trust your possession of them will afford you and the citizens of Napier the peace and joy that passeth all understanding.

AUSTIN, R. R. 8, Box 62, TEXAS.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE AND COUSINS:  
I live on a large farm about five miles east of our capital city, Austin. I like to live in the country very much. My summer vacations are spent at home; but during nine months of the year, I attend the State School for the Blind in Austin. I have been a student at the institution nine years, and am prepared for the eleventh grade, am seventeen years of age.  
I lost my sight ten and one half years ago. My right eye was fatally injured by an accidental stroke of a large knife; the left eye went out through sympathy. Yet, I am abundantly blessed with a happy home, loving parents, and devoted sisters and brother.  
I am very proud of our grand old school where every opportunity for a literary, musical, and industrial education is extended to all the blind of the state, who will accept this great privilege. I think every young man and woman should strive for an education. It was the great Benjamin Franklin who said: "He that can have patience can have what he will." I am sorely testing that one quotation, for after my graduation, I intend to take up kindergarten work and become a teacher.  
Cousins, not long ago I had a birthday and for a present, mother gave me a copy of Uncle Charlie's poems. Say, I didn't know what a grand old uncle we had. If you do not already possess one of these delightful books, you should work for or purchase one at once. You will not regret having done so, for the dear, precious volume is a sure cure for the blues. It is the best collection of humorous poems I ever read. I am very fond of good literature, music, and flowers. In my opinion, there's nothing more beneficial than a nice collection of beautiful quotations and memory gems. I have a great many, and would like to have many more. My mother and sisters read a great deal to me. This letter was first written in my method of writing, "New York Point" then my sister copied it in ordinary writing.  
With much love to Uncle Charlie and cousins,  
Ever your niece and cousin,  
MISS BETTY E. MILLS.

Now isn't that a lovely letter? Doesn't your heart go out in sympathy to this dear girl? Blindness is a terrible affliction. How terrible it is few realize. If you want to get an idea what a blessing sight is, and what a terrible thing blindness is, bandage your eyes for an hour, and try and move around and attend to your work as you would do if you had your sight. In the brave, cheerful way in which Ruby Mills bears her affliction, and her heroic efforts to earn a living and be a useful member of society, there is a lesson for you all. There is not a word of complaint against the hardships of her lot, no railing at cruel fate, which has shut out from her so many of the beautiful things of life. Realizing that what cannot be cured must be endured, this brave little woman has started out to make the best of her sad predicament. When the sight fails the other senses become more active and acute, and what Ruby cannot see with her own eyes, she is seeing through the eyes of her friends, and the tips of her fingers. You will think it strange that anyone can see through the tips of their fingers, but wonderful things have been done to aid the blind. Now if it is said they can do anything that people with sight can do except paint a picture. Sightless people are now occupying positions as stenographers and typewriters. Of course they have to have machines of special make to enable them to do this work. Through what they call the New York Point and Braille systems, they can both read and write, and when one can read, one can actually see through the tips of one's fingers all that is described. Understand if you write to Ruby she cannot read your writing, and she cannot write back to you with pen and ink, though she could write you a typewritten letter. She, however, is busy with her studies, and though I know it will be a keen delight to her to hear from you all, please do not be disappointed if you do not receive a reply to your letters. I have often told you to count your blessings. Thousands of those who will read this letter are struggling

with poverty, and railing at fate because life is one round of hard work, punctuated with little bits of fun and less pleasure. Ruby Mills would gladly take all your poverty and hard work and think herself in paradise if she could have your eyesight. When you contrast her sightless life with yours, hard though your lot may be, you will find you have much to be thankful for. Poor Ruby cannot see, even if she would, and there are millions of people in this world today, who can see and won't. They are the morally blind. You see there is more than one kind of blindness, and both kinds of blindness are indeed terrible afflictions. It is heartrending to see the morally blind walking headlong to destruction. The road they are treading is filled with wrecked and ruined lives. Every foot of the journey is marked with glaring signposts which read: "This is the road to hell, heed this warning, and retrace your steps." "Alter your evil ways before it is too late!" "Leave hope behind all ye who enter here." The morally blind know the signposts are there, but they will not read them, they will not heed them, and on they go to destruction. Many who are morally blind will read this letter, and they will pity Ruby Mills, though their affliction is far more terrible than hers. Ruby, through the eyes of the mind can see the fairest visions, visions which reach beyond this life. Her blindness is but of short duration, for God will some day open her eyes in a brighter world. The morally blind can see the sordid things of earth, and then there comes a blank wall of despair, black and impenetrable. There are no bright visions of a better world for them. In whichever direction they look, all is gloom and despair. Some are morally blind and do not know it. When you go to have your eyes tested at the oculists, you quickly get glasses to aid your vision. Now, you who are morally blind get down on your knees and ask the great oculist above to open your eyes, and give you the eyes of faith and cure you of that moral blindness, which is wrecking your life here and your chance of life hereafter. You who are lazy, discontented, slothful, peevish and complaining, take a leaf out of the life of Ruby Mills, and try and be some use to yourself, and those with whom your life is cast.

WESTERVILLE, OHIO.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:  
I received my membership card and button and think them just grand.  
Now let me give a short description of myself. I am five feet eight inches tall, weigh one hundred and forty-two pounds, have light brown hair, blue eyes and dark complexion. I live with my grandmother and uncle, my mother being dead and my father married again. I was fifteen years old the second of July. I live on a farm three miles north of the beautiful

little town of Westerville, only eighteen miles from the city of Columbus, the capital of Ohio. The electric railway system in Columbus is entirely shut down at present by a strike. Buses are feared and Westerville is in the mix up. I care nothing about it and intend to stay away.

How many of the cousins are fond of drawing? I am, and draw a great deal. I am also a lover of the water. I can swim, dive, skate, row, and in fact do all most anything in or on the water. I am a fair marksman and like to hunt. How many of the cousins take photos or have cameras? I have one.

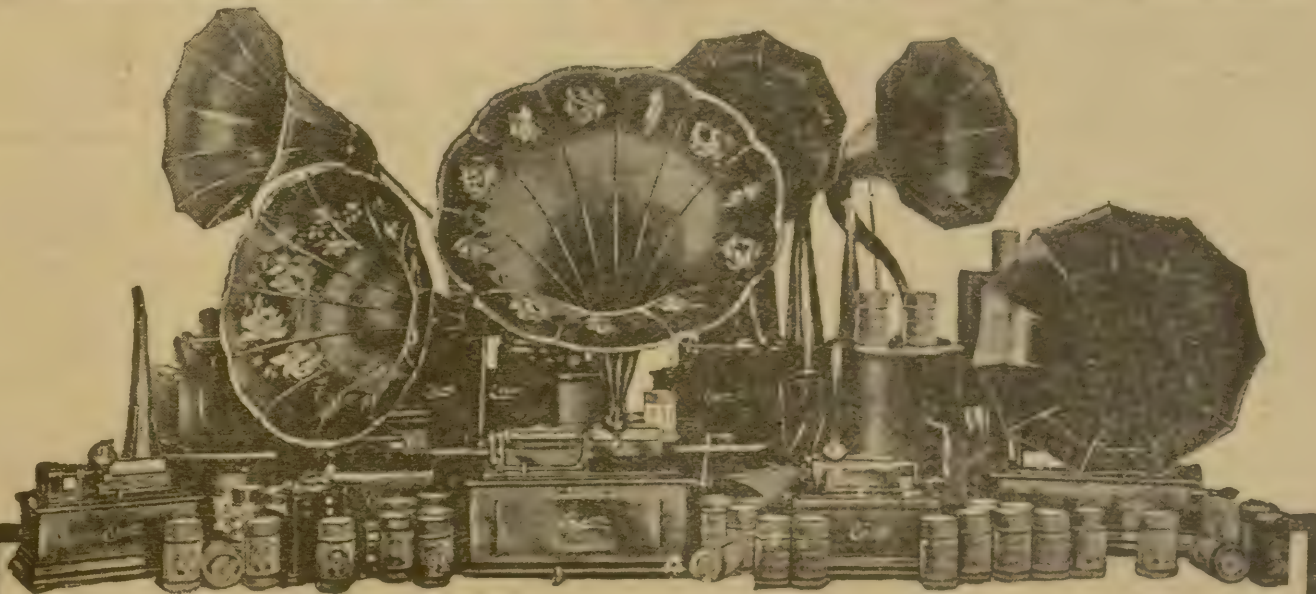
What a pleasure it is to hear from and read of people all over our country! Just think cousins what a pleasure it is to be able to get such a paper as COMFORT. Well, I hope Billy the Goat gets the stomachache if he tries to eat this.

RAY ROBINSON.

Ray, I am glad to get your letter, but there is one sentence in it that jarred me terribly, jarred and hurt, because I know there are millions of other people in just your position in life who think as you do. You speak of the car strike in Columbus, and say "I care nothing about it and intend to stay away." It is all right for you to stay away, but it is wrong to say you care nothing about the strike, because the men who are striking in that city are striking for you as well as for themselves. I am more interested in strikes than in anything else that happens in this country. When the big car strike took place recently in Philadelphia, and also the express strike in New York, I was so wrought up over the men's efforts to better their conditions, I could hardly eat or sleep until the matter was settled. The battle that labor has been waging for the last three quarters of a century is the most absorbingly interesting and most glorious fight for human betterment that has ever been waged in the world's history. Until unionism came into existence, the working man simply had no show at all. He was entirely at the mercy of his employers, who could offer him any miserable wage they wanted to. Your average captain of industry, corporation magnate, trust director, capitalist and employer, knows absolutely nothing of political economy or economics. Their one idea (an idea which has been handed down to them all through the cruel, inhuman centuries of the past), is to pay the worker as little as possible. The old idea was to give the worker just sufficient to keep him alive, and absolutely not one cent more. It is a good thing to have cheap goods, the cheaper the better, provided the reduction in price is not brought about by means of a reduction of wages. To have cheaper goods either the retailer or the manufacturer, or both, must shave down their profits, or the factory operative's wages must be cut, or else the cost of production must be otherwise reduced by means of improved ma-

chinery and more efficient methods of manufacture, transportation and merchandising. In many classes of goods, especially those controlled by the trusts as we are painfully aware, the prices are excessively high because the manufacturers exact an extortionately large profit, and they ought to come down, but not through a reduction of wages. A general reduction of wages would be a calamity to the country and disastrous to the manufacturing industries. This is the greatest manufacturing country in the world and at the same time it furnishes the largest and best market for manufactured goods and for farm products. Simply because wages are higher here than elsewhere, thus creating the laboring class in America to live better and buy more of everything and especially of manufactured goods. Outside of the farmers the laboring class constitutes the great bulk of the population; cut down their wages and to the same extent you diminish the purchasing power of a large part of the community; cut down wages and the millions of laborers and their families must wear cheaper, poorer clothes even to wearing them patched and ragged and must go barefoot in summer as they do in the low wage countries. This would cut off the market for a large part of the goods of every description which the great army of American laborers now consume; the market would soon become overstocked with goods and many of the factories in every line of industry would have to shut down; the farmer would feel it, too, in a diminished demand and lower prices for his products. Every improvement in machinery cheapens the cost of manufacture and the resulting profit should, in justice to all, be fairly divided between the inventor, the manufacturer, the factory operative and the purchasing public. The laborer should get his share by a proportionate increase of wages, the public theirs by a fair reduction in price, the inventor his by a royalty, and you need not worry about the manufacturer looking after his own interests and getting his share. That is about the way things should work out under the free operation of the natural laws of trade until the trusts become strong enough to overthrow natural law and defy national and state laws. Strikes, like wars, are so costly and calamitous to the parties immediately concerned and to the public at large that they should not be resorted to except as a last extremity. The public welfare is deeply concerned in every strike; there are just strikes and unjust strikes; we should sympathize with the just and condemn the unjust strikes, and for these reasons everybody ought to be interested to know the issues involved in every strike in his community at least. I was wildly delighted when the ex-

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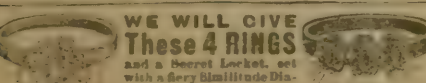


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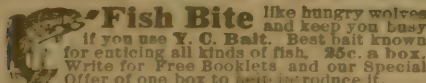
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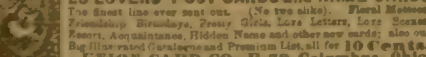
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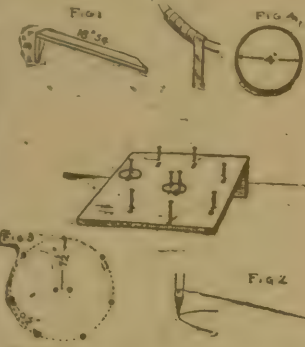
## A Corner for Boys

By Uncle John

**I**F you will read this column thoroughly and try the games and plans given, you will realize that a mine of amusement is at your disposal. In no other publication in the world can you find so much of genuine interest to boys. Anyone of the articles treated is worth three times what the paper costs. Boys all over the country write me letters and if they think of putting in the stamp for reply they always get an answer. The plans given are suited to all parts of the country.

### A Game Board

When the weather outside is bad and you have nothing in particular to do time drags so slowly that you imagine something is surely wrong with the clock. This gameboard may help to amuse you at such a time. Procure a nice flat piece eighteen inches square and with aid of pencil string mark on the diagram shown in Fig. 3. The black dots show where the spikes are to be driven. Be sure that you have them perfectly straight and of the same height. When this is done nail the eighteen-inch square piece to a board three inches wide so that it will tilt up on one end and present a sloping surface as shown in Fig. 1. The game is to throw rings at the pegs, the double one in the center counting ten the single ones five each. The ring should be just large enough to encircle the double peg and the fun lies in the fact that while one player will try for it on account of the big score the other may go on trying for the single ones and gain a lead. The ring is made by bending wire round and wrapping it with tape. Three are used. Each player throws the three in turn and the first one scoring 100 points wins.



AN EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT.

### A Toy Wheelbarrow.

Here is a little job for the boy who is handy with a penknife. With its aid and a discarded cigar box, which your grocer will give you, you can make this neat toy. The piece of wood you begin on should be about six inches long and four inches wide. Mark upon it a diagram exactly like Fig. 1, only larger. Out of one of the smaller pieces of wood you can fashion the side of the wheelbarrow shown in Fig. 4. Put those, for of course you need two, in place and then tack the end (Fig. 2) to them. The supports of the toy are little square pieces placed under the handles and tacked with small brads. For a wheel use a flat disc of wood two inches in diameter or perhaps you can find a wheel of suitable size which formerly belonged to some other toy. Paint the whole red and stripe it white around the edges. You can make the wheelbarrow any size by following the same general directions.

FOR CHILDISH PLEASURE.

### A Wheelbarrow

For the wheelbarrow plan given herewith I am indebted to one of my boy readers. It seems like a good design to me and if you make one I am sure its usefulness will repay you for the time expended in doing so. Two parts like Fig. 1 are required, the pair being connected by the crossbars as Fig. 2 illustrates. The second board from the handles should have notches cut in the ends, as in Fig. 3.

Fig. 4. Fig. 5 is a diagram of this board. The notches or holes provide a place for the side-board pegs to fit into. In Fig. 3 note the end boards. Only the highest one is as long as the flat cross pieces. Fig. 7 leaves nothing to guess

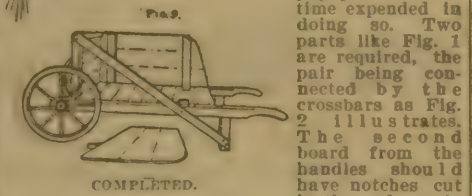
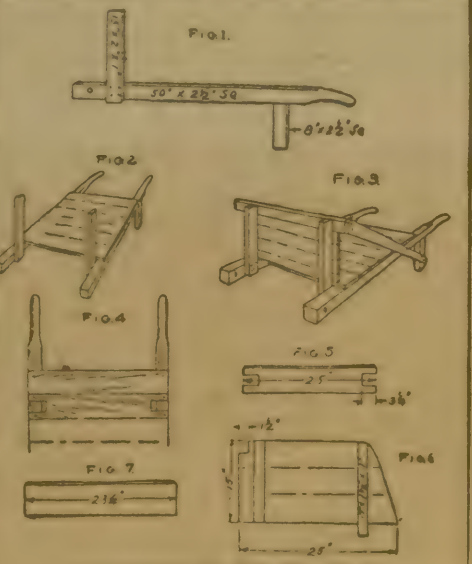


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IN PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION.

at in cutting it. The sides and the manner of putting them on is well drawn in the complete

sketch Fig. 9. There are two wheels used instead of one as in most wheelbarrows. This gives it greater strength and better balance. I have no doubt but you can find a pair of wheels around the barn or in the fence corner that will do. This truck is built to carry heavy loads and will be found useful around any home.

### A Bean that Coughs

There are many strange plants that seem to have some human peculiarities and habits, but I think the queerest is the coughing bean. It grows in the tropics and has pores that are very sensitive to irritation. When they become clogged, gas collects in the plant cells and suddenly bursts forth in a tiny explosion, closely resembling the cough or sneeze of a human being. It is said, perhaps by way of a joke, that if the queer species is cultivated as a house plant the weekly sweeping would set it to coughing violently. The bean, however, does really exist and has the habit mentioned.

### Stand for a Large Book

Here is a stand that can be used for a large book such as a Bible, atlas or dictionary. Set up in one corner of the living-room it will prove its usefulness many times and will have a tendency to encourage reading among the younger folks. I have made a separate drawing of each part used in the making so I do not think much explanation necessary. Figs. 6, 8 and 9 show how it works. The top part or book should be wide enough to permit the opening of the book without danger of falling off. It is hinged to the upright post and has a device on the back which holds it rigid at any desired height. On account of the frequent handling it will get, it might be well to paint the stand black, or dark green. This article is inexpensive and very easy to make and would be a much prized gift to the grandmother who daily reads her Bible.

### March Puzzle

The five lines of pictures herewith, will, if read properly, signify certain sayings and facts appropriate to the month of March. Here is a little information about each that will give you a starting point.



1. An ever popular old-time Irish song.  
2. A March event occurring in this country every so often.  
3. Two great statesmen who held high office in former days.  
4. A historical episode that occurred in this month.  
5. Three cities of Ireland.

### February Answers

Here are the correct answers to last month's picture puzzles.  
1. Crossing the Delaware.  
2. Braddock's defeat.  
3. Princeton, Monmouth.  
4. Valley Forge.  
5. First president.

### Problems for March

This list of problems will help you while away the hours and at the same time furnish profitable employment. We do not claim that they are extremely simple but insist that every boy or girl who has passed through fractions should be able to work them without any assistance. I will solve them for you if you write and inclose return postage.  
1. A and B can do a piece of work in 12 days, A and C in 15 days, and B and C in 20 days. How many days will it take each one working alone to do it?  
2. It is between 3 and 4 o'clock and the hour and minute are exactly opposite each other. What is the time?  
3. A boy who can row at the rate of 12 miles an hour finds that it takes twice as long to run his boat a mile up the stream as it does to go the same distance down stream. What is the rate per mile of the current?

### Answers to February Problems

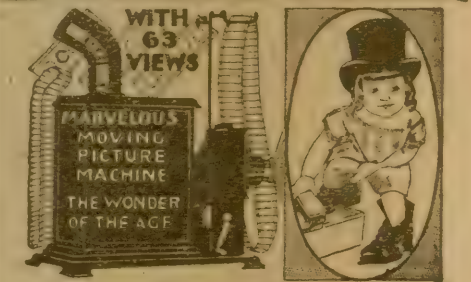
The first number is 12. 2. Eight cents. 3. A bought 4 oranges and B bought 6.  
There I have furnished you with a few good suggestions. If you do not know the joy of making something with your hands that is an object of admiration among your friends you have missed a great deal. I do not know how I could make this Corner better but I will certainly keep up my record of pleasing you next month. I have something special for the next great number and give you a reminder that you should not miss it. Watch for the Corner and see that your subscription is paid up.

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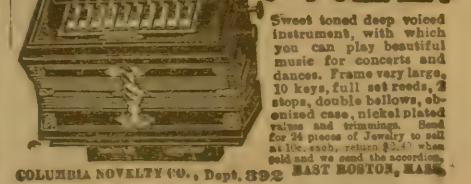
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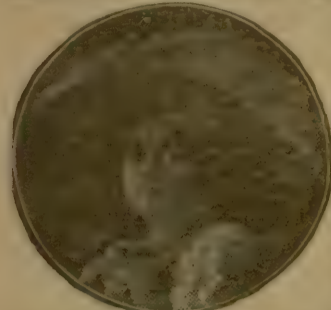
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## The Pretty Girls' Club

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 22.)

not say just what colors would be becoming to you. Eating several raw carrots daily for several months is said to give one pink cheeks. You should part your hair in front and wear the rest of it in puffs and rolls at the nape of the neck. I cannot tell you how to make your mouth smaller, but the following cream rubbed into the lips twice daily will keep them delightfully soft and smooth.

**Satin Lip Pomade**  
Cocoa butter, twenty-four grams; white wax, four grams; essence of bergamot, one gram; essence of white geranium, one gram.

Melt in a double boiler and beat smooth. Red lips are worth striving for I admit, so you might try beating them in hot water for two or three minutes and then, for five minutes, press against them a cloth dripping with ice-cold water. This treatment will give you the prettiest of red lips.

Mrs. C. Virginia.—Why not wave your switch on curling pins? Do not steam the face oftener than once in fourteen days, unless you are taking a special treatment for freckles, tan or blackheads. You might massage face for ten minutes every other day. Massage across lines and rub cheeks upward. Be careful not to press down too heavily.

Miss Stella, David City, Nebr.—I think the lemon bath referred to by you would probably reduce you some. As you have heart trouble I would not care to advise any treatment for reduction of flesh. You should have your pelvic trouble taken care of.

Cor.—No, I did not give out the remedy you mentioned. It is a medicine sold everywhere now, but I could not say it if it does any good. I personally do not believe in taking anything internally for the reduction of weight, unless by the advice of a physician. See my reply to Mrs. Lover of COMFORT.

Weeping Mary.—I "thought hard" as you requested and discovered the following cure for warts. Dampen spot with water, then cover wart with salt and let it remain on for five or ten minutes. Repeat several times. There should be no scar. I do not recommend any home treatment for moles, as when meddled with by unskillful fingers, they are apt to cause cancerous growths. To have a mole removed by the electric needle would probably not cost more than fifty cents.

Hopeful Arizona Girl, Janet and others.—The quickest way of developing the bust is to drink three quarts of rich, creamy milk daily. If this is impossible, you should try the following treatment, which is slower by several months. Bathe bust in hot water for five minutes, then massage with warm cocoa-butter, using delicate upward motions. After fifteen minutes complete the treatment by dashing quantities of cold water over bust and shoulders. Do this twice a day.

Gerty, Miss Lou, Pasadena, Miss Old Reader and others.—And so you have a poor complexion? Well, that is too bad. However, if you will stop eating fried food, cake, pie, candy, preserves, hot breads and ice cream you will soon see your skin clear up. The hot water should be taken three quarters to half an hour before each meal. I hope you will be careful to sleep with your bedroom windows open and take a daily bath. Apply Pimple Lotion, given to Cathleen Doris in these columns, to pimples several times a day.

Jim's Darling, Housewife, Disappointed Southern Girl, Orange Blossoms and others.—No, a good cream alone will not give you a fair complexion. You must eat plain food; giving up sweet things. Take a daily bath, sleep with your bedroom windows open at night and drink two or three quarts of water every twenty-four hours. Rub your face with lemon pomade, adding a rub cold cream into your hands at night as this will help keep them white. Do not wear rubber gloves unless you are washing dishes, scrubbing floors, etc. Do not steam the face before applying a cold cream, but you should wash it in hot, sudsy water and rinse with lukewarm water. See my bleach given Lonely Opale. A good way to plump neck is to hold the muscles tense, then turn neck first to the left, then the right and keep this up for ten minutes twice daily. I cannot give names of made creams in these columns.

Mrs. Will, Wilful, Jessie, Doubtful, Eager to Try, Mrs. T. and others.—It is said that the remedies you mention will finally remove hair. It would take probably a year, using remedies every day. The best to hold the nose when rubbing in the aqua ammonia is the fumes are irritating to the lining of the nose and mouth. Don't use the aqua ammonia on the face if your skin is at all sensitive, and be sure it is aqua or toilet ammonia, not household ammonia. The hair is not supposed to come back.

G. P. D.—See reply to Mrs. Lover of COMFORT. I wish you had sent me a picture as I always like to see who I am talking to. It makes it more interesting. I think your measurements and weight splendid. I do not give home remedies for removal of moles. Moles, if meddled with ignorantly, are very apt to leave a cancerous growth behind and you know you wouldn't like that. Better leave well enough alone, unless you can have moles removed by the electric needle. Write in again.

May.—You are too thin. You should weigh about one hundred and fifty-five pounds. Your bust measure, however, is very good. You should eat plenty of potatoes, cream soups, sweets and vegetables if you want to gain. Don't exercise too much and sleep eight or nine hours at least, if at all possible. No, do not use the bay rum on the face, as it will make you grow. See my reply to Troubled Girl. I am giving

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M. M. X.—I cannot help you. You should consult a beauty surgeon.

Mrs. A. P. S., Bourbon, Miss.—A soup-spoon is between a tablespoon and a teaspoon. It will take about two teaspoonfuls to fill a soup-spoon.

Miss Gertrude.—In addition to taking the hot water cure for a pimple face, you should be very careful what you eat. Avoid candy, cake, pie, preserves and fried foods. Have your meat broiled, boiled, baked or stewed. Fried potatoes, griddle cakes, hot biscuits and breads are horrible for the complexion. You should also take a daily bath and sleep with your bedroom windows wide open at night. If you are at all constipated, you must take a cathartic pill daily. Use Pimple Lotion given to Cathleen Doris. You should soften the water by putting one teaspoonful of the following delightful liquid into a large basin of water.

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Lola.—So your nose is too fleshy? Then you must massage it heavily with toilet vinegar. If the vinegar seems to irritate the flesh, stop using it and give the nose a dry, heavy massage. See eyelash and eyebrow grower given Nora. Apply daily, being careful not to get any in the eyes.

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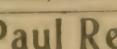
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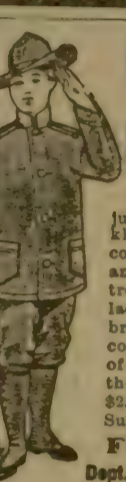


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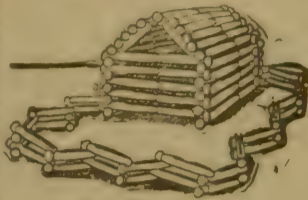
## Children's Jolly Hour

With Uncle John

IN this blustery month of March most of you will have to stay indoors quite a lot. If you find the time dragging and don't know what to do to have some fun look over this page and get busy. There are things to make, games to play, riddles to guess, pieces to speak and pictures to look at. Surely you will enjoy some of them.

## Clothes-pin Building

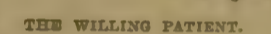
You little tots who have no building blocks with which to make stores and towers and barns have the clothes-pin building basket for a while you can make most any kind of a building. Try this log cabin for a starter. It looks like the real thing and is just hard enough to build to make it an interesting task. One thing though I wish to whisper to you. When you are through playing with the clothes-pins, pick them all up and put them where they belong. Otherwise mamma will scold and forbid you to play with them any more. You see I know the mamas as well as I do the little tots.



HOUSE AND YARD.

## Playing Doctor

Bob and his sister Nell are playing doctor. Bob has grandpa's hat on and wears a big coat. He also has a valise, walking stick and eye glasses. He tells Nell to stick out her tongue, and feels her pulse. Then he looks pulled and writes something on a slip of paper. "Take this to the drug-store and have it filled at once," he says, "and keep very quiet for a few days." Nellie moans and thanks the doctor and he bids her good day and goes to his next patient. You will enjoy this quiet little game and it will do no harm to anyone unless perhaps the doctor will charge poor Nell too much.



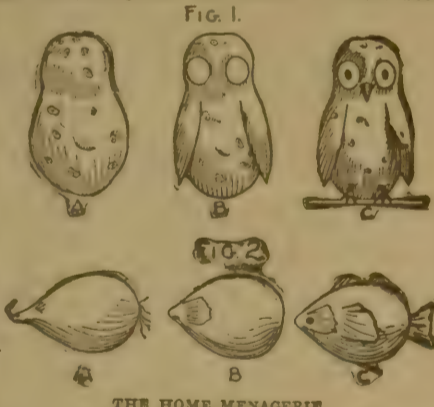
THE WILLING PATIENT.

## Polly

There was a little girl and her name was Polly. She always was downhearted, because she had no doll. But one winter day she jumped and laughed with joy. Because the doctor brought her folks a bouncing baby boy. And when the neighbors came, wee Polly told them all how glad she was because she had a reg'lar, real, live doll.

## An Owl and Fish

Last month we showed how to make animals, this time it is a bird and a fish. The first is the owl. It has a broad face and staring eyes. It cannot see well in the daytime but at night it sees everything and the darker it is the better



THE HOME MENAGERIE.

the owl likes it. Get a potato shaped like "A" and dig out two shallow eyes to be filled with a bead each. The feet are little sticks, the bill is one whittled sharp, the wings are corn husks. The fish is made from a peach stone covered with paper and decorated with a pencil and paper trimmings.

## A Scale

Here is a dandy little scale that you can make out of a 3-y-t-o-e-e stuff. Brother will whittle out the bottom block and the upright strip. The upright piece must be tacked to the bottom block. If you are careful you can drive a common pin in for the tack. The cross-beam of the scale is a little stick with a notch cut in the middle. The scale pans are lemon or orange peels tied with thread. Why don't a little brother and sister make this? It will be amusing and then think how long you can play with it.



WEIGHING FOR FUN.

## Funny Bugs in School

Here we have the Funny Bugs in school. They are trying to keep order and look as though they are good pupils. The teacher is a big Funny Bug and she is very strict. Two of them are reading books. Another is lending his book to the Funny Bug that sits in front of him. Then there

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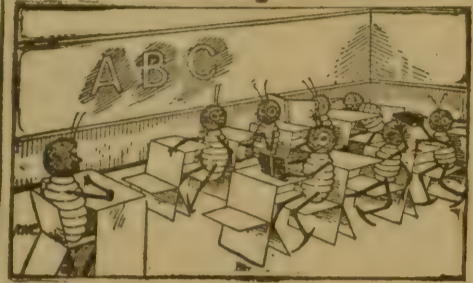
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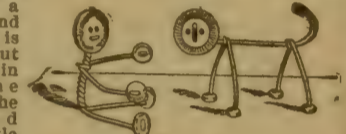
is a small fellow over in the corner with his head partly under the desk. Perhaps he is eating an apple on the sly, and perhaps he is just looking for his book. You can make desks and seats like the ones here out of stiff paper. If you think you would like a schoolhouse for your dollies ask mamma and she will show you how to fold up a piece of paper so it will look like a desk.



THE JUVENILE CLASS.

## Button Family

Last month we showed you how to make little dolls out of buttons and hairpins. This time we show you how to make a little doll and a horse. Look at the picture for a long time and do just as it is done there. Put the hairpin through the holes in the button and then put little buttons on for feet and hands. When you have it done and are tired playing with it put it away in a box. When your cousin comes over take them all out and stand them up and then you can have a regular party. Pretend that you invited the button family. Ask your mamma to make them for you and if she makes one or two you can do the others. We will show you some different ones each month.



THE DOLL AND HORSE.

## The Funny Bugs Eat

The Funny Bugs are eating their dinner. What a funny table they have. It is made of a flat piece of cork and four matches. You can make one like it. And the chairs too. They are made of pieces of cork and small sticks. The dishes



THE FUNNY BUGS ARE AT DINNER.

are made of the pieces that are left over. Look at the little one. He is laughing. What do they eat? I am going to leave you to guess that. What would you like to have for dinner? I cannot guess, but I would know if you wrote a letter and told me. Can you write a letter? The little Funny Bug is going to school soon. He will be big some day and he wants to be wise.

## Closing

Well, we have had our hour and it is time for me to be going. What do you suppose the Funny Bugs will be doing next? Will they be going to church to hear a sermon and fine music or will they be playing April Fool day jokes? Good by till we meet again.

UNCLE JOHN.

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## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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My books and magazines are my friends and my spare moments are spent reading good papers like COMFORT. I am the lucky mother of five sweet children, three boys and two girls. I also have two darling boys in spirit life. I have been married thirteen years and have the dearest husband on earth. We have had lots of trouble and trials to meet, but we are still sweethearts.

The women of Washington can vote now, and we intend to show the men that we know how to use the ballot wisely. We feel that our husbands, sons and brothers have tried to show their deep respect for us by granting us the right to vote, and we as wives, mothers and sisters will prove to them that we appreciate the right.

How many sisters know that pure yellow vaseline is the best remedy for colds? It is also good for cuts and burns.

For a teething baby that is restless and feverish, feed a small cup of sage tea daily. Catnip tea is also good.

For boils or gatherings apply warm flaxseed poultices. These are favorite remedies of mine, and they have never failed me.

Now just a word or two about myself. I am five feet four inches tall, weigh one hundred and eighteen pounds, have brown hair and eyes. I will be thirty-one years old the 14th of February.

Mrs. STELLA M. WILSON, Mukilteo, Washington.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I would like to greet all the sisters through our interesting corner. I have taken COMFORT for only one year, but now I hope to keep it always.

What a world of beauty, true love and sympathy is opened up to me each month as I read the Sisters' letters! And what high ideals of noble motherhood! I am sure this influence is felt by us all and indeed the good work of COMFORT extends from cover to cover. I like a description of the sisters so I can form a mental picture of them and will describe myself. I have brown hair and blue eyes, weigh about one hundred and a little over five feet tall. My age is thirty-one and married three years, so you will see that the right one was a long time coming.

My husband is kind and jolly and we are happy, although we possess very little of this world's goods. We have no children but hope to adopt one or two as soon as we are in a position to do so. I think while one is young there is much in the world to interest us, but as we grow older, it is the home ties, which count and lonely indeed must be the old person without them.

I admire most those mothers who remain young with their children and catch some of their exuberance of spirits. Too many of our good mothers tried to put old heads on young shoulders. Under such training, I feel sure that the brightest and best in a child cannot fully develop. And only the early companionship between mother and child can result in close and dear comradeship in later years. I would like to shake hands with dear Mrs. M. J. Misor, who is seventy years young instead of seventy years old. May we all grow like her. I also greatly

admire the work of Mrs. B. Newell who is undertaking the education of her five children in addition to caring for them.

My heart goes out in sympathy with all the shut-ins. We who enjoy comparatively good health and comfort can hardly realize the tragedy of these lives. I help a little whenever I can, but it seems like a drop in the bucket, yet I would not hold back on that account, for if everyone added a drop, the buckets would surely fill up for all. Dear sisters I hope you will share my idea. So many of our sorrows and troubles come to us in a way we cannot understand and in regard to these, I read some beautiful and comforting lines in a hymn book, which I would like to repeat here:

"Some fair tomorrow we shall know  
All of life's mysteries which hurt us so,  
And our burdens shall furnish us wings  
To lift us o'er all earthly things."

So many of the shut-ins write of suffering with that dread disease, rheumatism, which holds so many persons in its grip for years. I would like to say that my sister cured her attack by giving up meat entirely for several months, and living mostly on vegetables. Good health is surely the greatest blessing which can come to us. Such I enjoy most of the time, but for the last five years, I have suffered an attack of hay fever every summer, each year the attack growing more severe. I have tried a great number of things, none of which have helped. Will those of the sisters who know of anything that cures or relieves hay fever please write me? If any sister knows of a

cure through Osteopathy will she please also write me?

I hope all the sisters love housework and cooking as well as I do. I like to have the kitchen as neat and attractive as any other room. Work in pleasant surroundings cannot help but be a pleasure. I have prepared a six-covered book for all the good recipes and helpful hints which I find in COMFORT. A part of it will also contain remedies for the sick.

I find myself very homesick at times as I am far away from my family and friends. I think two best one can do, is to keep busy. I always have plenty of reading matter on hand and embroidery work, and I also sketch and paint a little. At times the days do not seem long enough for me. I think Mrs. A. C. Carter's plan of moving our favorite books on shelves, a splendid and instructive one, so I am going to take it up. I have read many beautiful and enjoyable books, but among those I have best are: "The Mill on the Floss" by George Eliot and "The House of the Gentlemen" by Mrs. Mulock. "The House of the Gentlemen" is one of my favorite authors. "The House of the Gentlemen" was the first novel I ever read and I believe this book is dear to the heart of every woman who has read it.

I am afraid my letter is getting too lengthy, but would like to add a little description of this wonderful health resort, where we are spending the winter. Hot Springs is nestled among mountains and the scenery is very beautiful. Some nice mountain paths are laid out for mountain climbing. The tourist season opens in January and lasts three months. One can enjoy sick and crippled people. With comfort, health, and baths. The government has erected a bath-house here.

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### A MAYOR'S WIFE ENDORSEMENT

Ripley, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1910.

Mr. W. G. DAVIS, Supt.; Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thanks for your premiums; they are beautiful. The dishes, lace curtains, the rug, the seven piece glass set and the night lamp exceed my expectations.

Good wishes for you and your good Company.

MRS. L. VERN WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Williams is the wife of the Hon. L. Vern Williams, present Mayor of Ripley, Ohio. Cultured and refined people everywhere appreciate our beautiful premiums and our offer. We have hundreds of similar letters from the wives of judges, chiefs of police, aldermen and other prominent people.

## HOW FREE?

It is so easy, so very easy, to get all these prizes free,

For I am interested in a special introductory offer which I want you to explain to your neighbors. No ordinary picture to distribute—no—but I have a special introductory offer and in connection with **SOMETHING ELSE** I allow you to GIVE to those you see a *new style*, beautiful *gold embossed* picture free. Remember: These pictures are new—different from pictures you have seen, richer and more elegant in every way. They are *gold embossed*. Now you know what gold embossed postal cards are; then imagine a picture 10x20 gold embossed and also in ten other colors. Those are the pictures I want you to give away IN CONNECTION with another offer which everyone will be only too glad to get when you tell them about it. It's this **SOMETHING ELSE** that will make it so very, very easy to interest everybody to whom you will say a word. It will be a very, very simple matter for you to give away twenty-four of these *gold embossed* pictures on a special 25 cent offer. I will send you twenty-four of these *gold embossed* pictures on trust, prepaid, without one cent of money. Then, you distribute 24 pictures on my special easy plan. Then all the prizes are yours *free*. But if for any reason you fail to distribute all 24 pictures, I'll see you get at least one or two or three beautiful prizes anyway.

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Send your name and address today—no obligations—will send you the pictures and you can return them if you do not find it convenient to distribute them. No obligation. Win these grand prizes. Be **FIRST** to send your name.

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## WRITE TO THIS WOMAN

### IF YOU WANT TO STOP A MAN FROM DRINK

She Saved Her Husband, Her Brother and Several of Her Neighbors and Prompted by Her Restored Happiness, she Generously Offers to Tell You of the Simple, Inexpensive Remedy that she so Successfully Used.

For over 20 years the husband of Mrs. Margaret Anderson was a hard drinker, but nine years ago, by using a simple remedy, she stopped his drinking entirely. He has not touched a drop since.



MRS. MARGARET ANDERSON

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The proofs of the hundreds of really remarkable results are too strong to be doubted or denied. Yet she makes no charge for her help, (she asks for no money and accepts none) so there is no reason why you should not write her at once. She only requests that you are personally interested in saving one who drinks. Send your letter with confidence to her home. Here is her address:

Mrs. Margaret Anderson,  
305 Home Ave., Hillburn, New York.  
Note: Write your full name and address plainly—do not delay

## WONDERFUL Hair Growth

How Koskott is Enabling Ladies to Avoid False Hair.  
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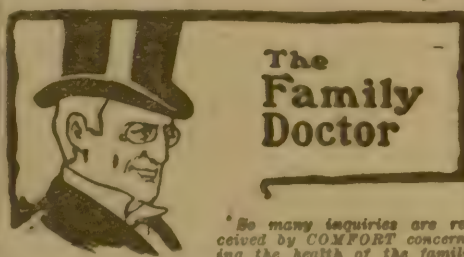
This Lady had Nearly Lost her Hair.

Miss Margaret Black's hair was nearly gone and what little was left had become thin and gray. She had tried various preparations without benefit and had nearly reconciled herself to the use of false hair, when she heard about the new and successful Koskott Method. She tried it and in a short time became the possessor of long, beautiful hair of natural shade. In a letter to us she says: "I am so well pleased that I have no hesitancy in giving you my testimonial with my latest photograph. For two or three years I had been losing my hair. Every time I used a brush or comb it brought out a quantity of hair. Nothing did me any good until I began Koskott Treatment. My head was soon cleared of dandruff and hair showed evidences of growing. I could observe the improvement day by day. After several weeks, to my delight and the amazement of all my friends, my hair gradually became long, silky and beautiful. It has now reached my waist-line and is still growing."

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Koskott's aim is to eliminate the dermoxen folliculorum and clear away the dandruff, promote new growth and restore the color. It is endorsed by legions of persons, both sexes. Absolutely harmless. Guaranteed. Let us send our

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### The Family Doctor

"So many inquiries are received by COMFORT concerning the health of the family that a column will be devoted to answering them. The remedies and advice here given are intended only for simple cases; serious cases should be referred to physicians, not to us." Address The Family Doctor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

E. H. Pierce, musician, Auburn, N. Y., writes for the benefit of "Brown Eyes" inquiring in this column in regard to nervousness while playing before audiences, that if any person afflicted with stage fright will not hold his breath as so many do, but will breathe deeply before going on the stage, as often as possible during his appearance it will carry him through all right. Also to acquire experience and confidence one should play as often as possible before small audiences of acquaintances, and until the nervousness is overcome only easy pieces should be played. Mr. P. says that small doses of anasthetics have been recommended to be taken half an hour before playing in public, but he does not endorse it until all other means fail. This advice from an experienced musician should be of great value to all who are troubled as "Brown Eyes" is.

I. M. C., Denver, Colo.—If the new science is so valuable and so efficient why don't those who have it in charge advertise it for the public good? The columns of COMFORT are wide open at the usual rates.

Undecided, Olive, Kans.—Don't give up your school, but keep at it as part of the cure for your nervousness. A sixteen-year-old boy has no more right to have nerves than an old granny has a right to be a prizefighter. Stop thinking about yourself, take plenty of open air exercise, get into athletic contest now and then, and whoop it up all around safely and youthfully and you will soon laugh at yourself for ever thinking you had such things as nerves. If you don't do this it won't be long till you are down and out and no good to anybody.

Disgusted, Greenfield, Mass.—You may have Riggs' disease which affects the gums similar to your symptoms. However, personal examination only can determine and between your dentist and your doctor you should be able to know what is wrong and what remedy to apply. And do not put it off, but go about it at once.

Toby, Claremont, Ill.—When a man at seventy-five is affected with paralysis, the chances are that he will not get over it, unless he has a phenomenal constitution and the cause is from some accident or other. In your case we think the closing of the ulcer had something to do with it, and your entire constitution is affected. Don't lose faith in the doctors, they do the best they can, and never claim in advance whether they can cure or not. Call one in and have a talk with him about your nerves and let him give you a tonic which he can recommend.

Miss D. P. A., Pelican Rapids, Minn.—The trouble with you is late hours and too much good time which is ruining your digestion and will in time ruin your health permanently. Cut it all out, Miss, and go on a diet of plain food taken at regular times and go to bed early every night. You are not strong enough to stand the pace you are going and nature is fairly shrieking at you to stop. You don't need medicine, you only need regular meals of good digestible food, and plenty of rest in bed. You'll be sorry if you don't take them now.

T. C. Gault, Colo.—If one living in Colorado has catarrh, we should suggest that the climate of Arizona be tried. Primarily dry air is the cure for catarrh, and in some cases either hot or cold is effective. Again in some the cold air is bad, and warm air should be tried. The human body, however, cuts queer capers sometimes, and it might be that you could bring your Colorado catarrh to the raw, damp air of New England, which is notably catarrhal, and find a cure there for it.

Mrs. D. B. Plainfield, Wis.—Chilblains are due as much to deficient vital power as to cold, and you should not treat them as mere local trouble. The chilblain itself should be treated with some soothing liniment first and later with a stimulating liniment and then covered with zinc ointment on cotton wool. Of more importance is to eat plenty of nourishing food and take a tonic to help restore the system to normal. By these remarks you will understand that you should have a physician prescribe for you who can examine your condition. They will become worse as you grow older if you don't look after them now.

P. J. Roe, Ark.—Red blotches on the skin are due to so many causes that we are unable to guess why you have them, and therefore can't well tell you what to do. We would suggest washing your forehead with green soap and warm water two or three times a day and gently massaging the skin at frequent intervals to improve the circulation and keep the blood from congesting. (2) The itching may be relieved by ice cold water applications. Wash well every night before going to bed with Castile soap, allowing it to dry in. Water and lemon juice or vinegar or bris of camphor will allay the irritation also. Regulate your diet carefully and drink no alcoholic liquors.

D. E. G., Eastman, Ga.—The opium habit is not to be cured by ordinary means, and by no means except by the exercise of all the will power you have in conjunction with any treatment. You have not used the drug long enough to make yours a very serious case and we advise urgently that you break the habit at once and under a physician's direction. Unless you do, all the artificial strength it gives you now will be dissipated and you will become either a criminal or a doddering idiot. Have a talk at once with some good physician and follow his instructions to the letter, using at the same time, all your will power to resist the temptation. We are surprised at your ignorance of the danger of this dreadful drug.

Mrs. M. F. W., Kamah, Idaho.—If the dark veins cause you no trouble except the looks, better not do anything. You may, if you wish, place yourself on a milk diet, drinking much water between meals and taking no coffee or rich food of any kind. Rice and fruit and vegetables may be eaten freely, and only lean meat and not much of that. If the dark blood gives you trouble, see a doctor.

T. A. C., New York, N. Y.—For cold hands and feet, massage them thoroughly night and morning to establish a good circulation and bathe your feet night and morning in hot water, finishing with it as cold as you can bear. You can get at your druggist's any one of a dozen tonics with iron in them. Tell him what you want.

Mrs. S. H. S., Pompano, Fla.—Osteopaths have their offices in a great many places and you may have one in your town. If not, you will have to make inquiries and find out where the nearest one is. We can't tell you away up here in Maine.

Inquirer, West Frankfort, Ill.—A good physician looks by careful operating very much improve the light of the scar on your lip. A specialist in that line might do much better, but you would have to go to Chicago to see him. Get your local doctor's opinion as to what you should do.

C. H. E., Moorepark, Mich.—We think you are mistaken when you say the physicians in your neighborhood cannot explain what catarrh is. All of them know it is inflammation of the mucous membrane. Wherever there is mucous membrane there is possibility of catarrh—stomach, bladder, nasal passages, intestines and so on. Ordinarily, catarrh is understood to be inflammation of the air passages, and any cold is called catarrh. Superficial inflammation yields readily to treatment, but when it becomes deep-seated, cure is difficult and sometimes impossible. Certain climatic conditions always aggravate it and the catarrh becomes chronic, though not necessarily fatal. If you have chronic catarrh we advise you to get out of the cold, damp climate of Michigan and go to the warm, dry air of Arizona. Once it gets started in your bronchial passages, these leading to the lungs, it may run into consumption and that will be the end. Put yourself in the hands of a physician and take his advice.

A. B. Z., Murphy, Cal.—writes for the benefit of those suffering from corn sickness that the simplest and most effectual home remedy he knows of is ordinary popped corn, slightly salted, but not sweetened. If subject to corn sickness avoid the last meal before beginning the journey, and as soon as you start begin eating the corn, slowly and without drinking any water or anything else and continue until the feeling of nausea has disappeared. This may be for a day, or longer, but the corn will take the place of other food. New Reader, Oriskany Falls, N. Y.—Just what the

growth under the skin is cannot be determined except by personal examination. The growths are not at all uncommon, and are usually only disfiguring, but we cannot advise except that you go to a physician and have him look at it and tell you what to do!

Mrs. H. W., Lost Creek, W. Va.—Write to Robert Clarke & Co., Booksellers, Cincinnati, Ohio, telling them what kind of a book you want and what the price will be. Nothing entirely on that subject has been printed, but in some medical books it is clearly set forth. Say to the book people that you want the least expensive book they have that is reliable.

Mona, Dorsey, Nebr.—A "bad cold" does not last three years. It is something worse than that, probably aggravated catarrh. What kind of work do you do and what kind of a climate have you? If you can get to the open air of Colorado or of Arizona, you will probably effect a cure in short order. Possibly the sweets cause the bowel trouble. Stop them a while and see what the result will be. Keep in touch with your home doctor.

D. E. F., Sanborn, N. Dak.—Only a physician who can see the child's eye and examine it thoroughly will be able to suggest a remedy. Take the child to the best physician you know.

J. S., Shawnee, Ohio.—You have had this trouble for three years and have never doctoring any for it, have you? Well, now go and see a doctor and he will make you sound before a great while. You are suffering just what you deserve for not going to him long ago and being cured. You don't need medicine as much as you do good advice, but the doctor will have to see you before he can talk to you.

Mother, Brooklyn, N. Y.—You live where you can get the best advice and treatment for yourself and your little girl and you should go at once to the nearest free clinic, unless you want to pay a doctor, and get the advice and treatment you need. We think yours is nothing much out of the ordinary, but then a child may develop into something serious unless cared for at once.

B. L. M., Dresden, Tenn.—We think part of the pain in your side and chest is due to indigestion. What you mention may have something to do with it, and we suggest that you consult a physician about it, and get from him some advice as to what food you should eat. And whatever food you do eat, never swallow a mouthful unless it is thoroughly masticated.

L. T. L., Guilford, Va.—The dry climate is what cures catarrh, or relieves it, and that is found at its best in cold Colorado or warm Arizona and New Mexico. Sometimes merely changing from part of your own state to another will effect relief. Unless your heart is very weak and you do not go to the higher altitudes, you can go from sea level to the western plains without danger. Some test should be made, however, for some persons can stand very little elevation, and you may be that kind. If you can do a fair day's work and are willing to do it, you will not find much difficulty in making a living anywhere in the West.

F. O., Miles City, Mont.—We never heard of any drug which contains typhoid germs. (2) We know of no schools for nurses in the East which would be less expensive than those in the West, when the cost of travel and living is considered. We think that training schools usually pay the nurses small wages during their course of training.

D. J. P., Willow Springs, N. C.—You might as well expect to grow new teeth as to grow new hair when the hair has fallen out from natural causes, that is, other than disease. When the hair goes it goes to stay. You can get at any drug-store as good a remedy for falling hair, and much cheaper, than we can prescribe for you.

Mrs. N. G. H., New Castle, Ind.—Your family physician should be able to tell you; we cannot. An operation could be performed, but the risk might be greater than the result sought. However, talk to your doctor about it.

Mrs. M. G. L., Sunnyside, Wash.—Tuberculosis is a word from the Latin meaning full of, or producing tubercles, and tubercle means a small swelling. Very definite information concerning tuberculosis is not to be had yet. For a long time, that is, till the nineteenth century, these tubercles affected the skin, bone and tissues of the body, and finally when lungs of persons dying with consumption showed many of these tubercles, doctors began to call consumption tuberculosis. Now, however, it is called pulmonary tuberculosis, and there are various other parts of the body, skin, bone and tissue affected by tubercles and each has its own tuberculosis name. Now don't you imagine that because you have a sore hip and the doctors say that it is not rheumatism that you have tuberculosis of the hip, because you haven't, and the doctor who said it was rheumatism told you the truth, even if he couldn't cure you, for rheumatism is as hard to cure as tuberculosis is, though it is not so serious, but it hurts worse. You continue treating your hip for rheumatism.

L. K., Mountain Top, Pa.—Possibly, as the doctor suggests, the operation for appendicitis has produced the trouble and we would suggest that you go to a hospital in Philadelphia—free hospital, if you haven't the money to pay—and have a thorough examination made. Taking medicine will do no good if it is surgical attention you need.

### Have You a White Book?

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## Comfort's Information Bureau

Under this heading all questions by COMFORT readers on subjects not related to the special departments elsewhere in the paper will be answered, as far as may be. COMFORT readers are advised to read carefully the advertisements in this paper, as they will often find in them what they seek through their questions in this column. They will thus save time, labor and postage. Letters reaching this office after the 10th of the month cannot be answered in the issue of the following month.

P. J. W., Alton, Ark.—There are correspondence schools in engineering, but practice is necessary to succeed at it. (2) There is a demand for sober, honest and efficient chauffeurs at good wages, especially honest chauffeurs. Write the Empire Auto Institute, 344 Empire Building, Rochester, N. Y., for particulars about their correspondence course of instruction for chauffeurs.

Curly, Olympia, Wash.—The way to take a picture by night is by flashlight. An exposure of half an hour would not produce much of a result before an ordinary fire in a room. A house afire would require less time, but most of the house would burn before the impression would be made.

Subscriber, Winchester, Ky.—Ask at Phillips' drug-store for the red vaseline. The David C. Cook Pub. Co. is at Elgin, Ill.

Allets, Hawkeye, Ia.—You can take the courses you mention at any of the correspondence schools and one of them is about as good as another. Take your choice. If you are ambitious to learn, as you say you are, you will find a way to learn. More depends on you than on the school.

S. F. W., Honesdale, Pa.—We do not think you could find such a family register in any book store, blank books or otherwise. Your Honesdale printers can tell you what it would cost to get up a blank book of that kind. Of course, if you get a number of them the cost would be much less. Submit your work to the printer.

Chinese Sub., Honolulu, Hawaii.—Don't know about the firm you mention. (2) There are some patent attorneys who are not quite as square as others, but they should not say they were fakes. They merely look out for themselves first. Some of them are as square as men can be. (3) It is good to invent if you can invent something that will bring you in money and also be profitable to those who use it. The inventor has no easy road to success, though, and some of them who have invented the best things got mighty little good out of them. Still, if it is in you to invent, you can't help yourself.

N. G., Waha, Idaho.—Those advertised in COMFORT are just as reliable as any others. If they are no good, none is.

Mrs. L. B., Pritchett, Texas.—Many of the glass and pottery cements advertised will do as they are represented. Of course, they can't make the article as good as new, but it can be as strong, and it is as likely to break anywhere else as where it is cemented. In mending with cement you must follow directions exactly if you want proper results.

E. O. H., Jackson, Mich.—If you had read COMFORT as you should have done you would have been told more than once that all the Stainer, Strads and other violins inscribed as yours are fakes and worth only the price of ordinary fiddles. According to modern inscriptions in violins those old fellows must have made about a million instruments apiece.

A. F. W., Brookland, D. C.—You will have to learn how to preserve birds from the taxidermist, and you will find several in Washington. Get such information from experts if you want good results in practice.

M. E. L., Cochran, Ga.—Submit the problem to your nearest school teacher and have her demonstrate it.

T. M., Sumner, Mo.—Write to A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago.

Mrs. M. E. C., Vandegriff, Pa.—Write to Louis Metzger & Co., No. 637 Broadway, Siegmans & Well, No. 77 Wooster St., and J. A. Whaley & Co., No. 310 Sixth Ave., New York City.

Cheerful Henrietta, Lake Odessa, Mich.—You are making trouble for yourself trying to get someone to board with you on the farm and be part of the family, because human beings somehow are awfully hard to live with unless you are used to them. No matter how well you treat them, they will complain. However, put an ad in the Detroit Free Press, say, and in one or two of your county papers and see what kind of answers you get. Then see the writers as far as you think you would like them. Your price in these high cost of living times is certainly most attractive.

K.-O'N., New Market, Minn.—Write to Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago, and also to Editor of Entertainment Magazine, New York City. This latter may contain just what you are looking for.

Mrs. B. B., McMechen, W. Va.—Write to Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Fla., and to Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Dumb Donkey, Grafton, Nebr.—We are a dumb donkey ourselves on this subject. Write to Editor The Commoner, Lincoln, Nebr. Can any COMFORT reader tell Mrs. Wm. Bernmaster, Grafton, Nebr., how to play Dumb Donkey with Planch cards? If so, write to this department.

Ida Carborgh, \*Murphysboro, R. R. 3, Box 22, Ill.—has a silver quarter, date 1862, with the name of E. T. Tully on it, and she wants to know if anybody reading COMFORT knows anybody by that name.

J. L., Baltimore, Md.—The only, or the best, way to find out if Western ranchmen want cowboys is to put an ad. in the Denver papers, or Oklahoma City, or any other locality where you may want to go. Or pull up stakes at Baltimore and go West scouting for a job.

Edw. Anderson, Fulton, Ill.—wants the song, "Tell Mother I'll Be There." He can't find it at any publisher's and maybe some COMFORT reader can help him.

Mrs. M. H., Centerton, Ark.—Write to H. Malkin, No. 42 Broadway, New York.

O. M., Phalanx Station, Ohio.—Write to Fuld Bros., No. 45 Walker St., Thos. Kelly & Co., No. 74 Franklin St., and North Star Woolen Mill Co., No. 149 Fifth Ave., New York City.

M. E. H., Alpine, Texas.—Advertise such goods for sale in the nearest city newspapers. Elms handling junk send their buyers over the country and if they know where you are they will come to you.

A. E., Grantsburg, Wis.—Before trying to become a trained nurse have a talk with some physician you know who can tell you if you are fitted for the work. Special qualifications are necessary which are of more value than education and if you do not have them, you are wasting time trying to be what you cannot be. If you have the qualifications the doctor will tell you where to go for the necessary training.

G. A. L., Parma, Idaho.—Just what luck and profit there would be in fish raising can only be told by experimenting. Write to Fish Commission, Washington, D. C., stating your case fully and ask them for particulars.

Stenographer, Vienna, Va.—Unless your contract with the school prohibits the sale of the books after you are through with them, we should think you could sell them, seeing that they are yours by purchase. Better write to the school about it.

E. P., Onalinda, Pa.—See advertisements in COMFORT on this subject.

H. S. C., Dunreith, Ind.—Brigham Young was born in Vermont in 1811, the son of a farmer, but he became a painter and glazier and was a Baptist. In 1832 he became a Mormon at Kirtland, O., and in 1844 succeeded Joseph Smith as President of the Mormon Church. He died in Salt Lake City, Aug. 29th, 1877, leaving a fortune of two million dollars to seventeen wives and fifty-six children. Whatever may be said against Brigham Young, and much has been, he certainly was a man of great ability.

A. E. Barbour, Griggs, R. R. 1, Okla.—wants the words of the songs: "If the Wind had Only Blown the Other Way," and "I am a Poor Pilgrim of Sorrow." Can any COMFORT reader supply his wants? Write direct to him.

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C. S., Belmont, Mont.—Unless you have used stamps by the thousand they are not worth bothering about.

L. B., Three Creeks, Ark.—If you think you have gold or copper in your soap-stone send it to the State Geologist at Little Rock, and have him give you an analysis. That will settle it. We think you haven't. (2) There is not enough demand for a new style of bathing-suit to warrant your studying up how to invent one. (3) A tooth may be removed, treated and replaced, but it is a very painful operation and could be done only by a skilled dentist at a high price. As for taking them all out and replacing them, we think no dentist on earth would undertake such a job. He might take them all out, and if he had been paid for that much, would skip out before finishing the work.

F. M., Arlington, Mo.—You don't read this column very closely. See answer above to another reader of the same kind who has the same kind of a fake fiddle that you have.

M. F., Paterson, N. J.—You are close enough to New York to go there and see wholesale dealers yourself, which is the best way if you really mean business. (2) As long as you are a minor you cannot buy land except through your parents or guardian. (3) The only real way to get correct information about how to cultivate a farm is to become a farmer. You have got to get right next to the ground or you'll do worse than most farmers do. Write to Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for information on farming. He knows from experience.

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C. J. H., East Oakland, Cal.—If we have any national hymn it is the "Star Spangled Banner," though "America" runs a good second.

M. O. G., Glasco, Kans.—Write to Marie Schutz, No. 214 East 47th St., and to Hepner's Hair Emp., No. 1456 Broadway, New York. (2) Sunshine is no longer published, it was consolidated with COMFORT.

F. B., Lockport, N. Y.—Write to H. Malkin, No. 42 Broadway, New York.

Mrs. A. Y. L., Russellville, Ark.—Write to Vick's Family Magazine, Rochester, N. Y. and Florists' Exchange, New York City.

Mrs. E. M., Chadbourne, N. C.—Write to Arlington Chemical Co., Yonkers, N. Y. and the Pratt Chemical Co., No. 135 Duane St., New York City, and to Frederick Stevens & Co., Detroit, Mich.

E. E., Snowville, Va.—If an adult must have a license to carry on the pet stock business in your community, then a minor would. We think there is no license necessary. Haven't you any officials in your county who can tell you?

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J. S., Lawton, N. Dak.—Write to Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago about the books and to Lyon & Healy, Chicago, about the music.

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## Talks with Girls

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 23.)

er to ask him to call, but don't run after him to do so. K. H. W., Chase City, Va.—Don't imagine you can be happy with a drunken husband. Beware of the young man who drinks even a little in selecting your husband.

Geraldine, Oakwood, Ohio.—Don't sacrifice yourself for your parents by marrying a man you don't love, and don't sacrifice yourself for the man you do love and who may ruin that love when he is your husband. Better not marry at all, unless you are sure of the future being endurable, at least.

Rose, Temple, Texas.—Why ask my advice about marrying him, when you know for a fact that he cannot legally marry? Do you want to get him into the penitentiary and yourself into trouble that can never be wholly removed? Why not have a little common sense and higher ideals and don't make marriage any worse than it is? I have no patience with girls like you.

Betty Calico, Green Isle, Minn.—Snub the fresh bad fellow completely out of your acquaintance, no matter how rudely you do it. Really you should take a club to him. The other one, the good one, treat nicely and encourage him modestly, and by and by he will begin to take notice. Both of you are too young yet, to even guess what you will think of each other when you are old enough to be serious.

Cut, Omaha, Nebr.—If the man who kissed your hand was a Southerner, he didn't mean very much by it, but if he were of the North, I should say he thought a whole lot of you. Still don't be too sure about these dirty men who are so nice to every girl they see. (2) Wear your hair in the most becoming way whatever the fashion is. The present fashion is something horrid. (3) Why not thank him for the handsome box of candy? You would thank the waiter at the table for

passing you the sugar, wouldn't you? Make it a rule to thank everybody who extends to you any kind of courtesy, and never break it.

Simple Girl, Meridian, Wis.—The man of thirty-four is not too old, I think, for the girl of nineteen, but their ages would harmonize better if she were twenty-one and he thirty-six. She will grow ever so much older in those two years than he will. (2) Of course a girl can marry a man not so tall as she is. Read in this column what I have said to another cousin about judging a husband by his size.

Black Eyes, Prairie Du Chien, Wis.—Don't you worry a minute about his being so much older than you are. It is ever so much better to be an old man's darling than a young man's slave.

Hungry Heart, Eureka, Cal.—I fear your heart will have to go hungry, because if he doesn't love you he can't make himself love you, no matter how much he wants to. Maybe though, if he can't get the girl he wants and he confides everything to you, it may be that he will learn that you love him and he will come your way. He'd ever so much better marry you who loves him, than marry the girl who doesn't.

Troubled Blue Eyes, Roleta, Pa.—The young man is unworthy and disloyal to his promise to you and you should break the engagement at once. Don't try to bring him back or make him honest and true, because you cannot, and he would only make another promise to break it.

There, dears, I have told you all what you should do or shouldn't and you best mind me or there will be trouble. And I haven't scolded much, either, because only a few needed it. Some letters had to be sent to other departments, but you will learn by and by what you must talk to me about. Now run along and be good little girls and next month we will talk some more. May the good Lord watch over us all. By, COUSIN MARION.

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Lost 115 Pounds. Mrs. E. M. Reynolds writes: "When I began your treatment I weighed 235 lbs. I now weigh 120 lbs. and never felt better in my life. My bust measure is reduced from 54 inches to 38 inches; waist from 49 in. to 28 in." Permanent. M. E. King writes: "By the Dr. Bradford Method I reduced 35 lbs. eight years ago; haven't gained an ounce since. Rheumatism also cured." Reduced 90 Pounds. W. R. Dennison writes: "I tried many so-called remedies, but got no satisfaction until I adopted the Dr. Bradford treatment, and have reduced 90 lbs. easily. Am now able to attend to my hotel business without the feeling of being tired out before evening comes on." Weighs 60 Pounds Less. Mrs. Philip Fisher writes: "I was a great sufferer from obesity, it made me feel sick most of the time; had pains in back and could hardly walk. Am now able to tell another story; my troubles have disappeared and am feeling fine. Have lost 60 lbs. by your treatment." Reduction 56 Pounds. Mrs. Alice Rouse writes: "Health comes before everything else, and your treatment has brought it to me; the loss of fat has been 56 lbs., and I have had many other benefits." Lost 98 Pounds. Mrs. J. H. Woodbridge writes: "My figure and appearance have been wonderfully improved, have lost 98 lbs. Friends amazed." Saved Her Life. A. G. Osgood writes: "You saved Mrs. Osgood's life; she was so fat that she had fatty heart; doctor said she could not live over a month, and was liable to die any moment. We got your treatment; loss of fat has been about 60 lbs. and her health marvellously benefited. No fear of dying now, doctors say." Lost 112 Pounds. W. C. Newburn writes: "I have lost 112 lbs., am wonderfully benefited in heart and general vigor. Can climb mountains easily." Full testimonials, from which above extracts were taken (with addresses), also many others, will be sent you.

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Address COMFORT'S PUZZLE, Test D., Augusta, Maine.  
*Don't Send the Puzzle to Us Unless You Send the Subscription with the Money.*  
 Read offer carefully. We do not give a box of Cards with your own subscription.

**FOREST FIRES.**—Forest fires in the U. S. during the year 1910 caused a loss of about \$200,000,000. It would require six years' growth of all the forests of the United States to replace the supply destroyed last year. The Government will hereafter take better care of its forests and we hope that such a calamity as has just occurred will never happen again.



Read these timely offers of spring household premiums given for few subscriptions to COMFORT. at 25c. each for 15 months. Also send for canvassing outfit and secure first choice of many other carefully selected articles.



**A DECORATED Easter Box OF 25 CHOICE EASTER POST CARDS**

All new BRIGHT-COLORED and decorative Easter-POST CARDS—exquisitely embellished with such appropriate designs as the CROSS, Doves, CHICKS, RABBITS, EASTER LILIES, EGGS, and LOVELY HUMAN FACES and FIGURES, and prettily inscribed with apt sentiments such as "BEST EASTER WISHES," "EASTER GREETINGS," "A JOYFUL EASTER," "EASTER BLESSINGS," "A HAPPY EASTER," "SWEET EASTER," "HOLY EASTER DAY," "HAVE FAITH IN ME," beautifully EMBOSSED and printed in many BRILLIANT and HARMONIOUS tints with contrasts of gold and bronze effects, giving you the latest, most artistic assortment and most appealing sentiments, so the cards can be used at different times through the year as well as at Easter.

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**2 BOXES COST NO MONEY**

FOR A CLUB of only TWO subscribers to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months (your own as a renewal, or new subscriptions will count as one in the club), or you may send your own and one new subscription, or join with your neighbor, each sending one 15-month subscription to COMFORT at 25 cents each and we will send post-paid two of these decorated boxes each containing 25 EASTER POST CARDS FREE. Send the 50 cents for Club at TWO Subscriptions to COMFORT today and get 2 Boxes.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



**2 ART PILLOW TOPS Beautiful Designs**

Each Pillow is twenty-two inches square, made from either tan or light green Art Pillow Cloth. You can have your choice of color. The Daisy Design, embroidered with white petals and yellow centers, carrying out the wreath effect and lines connecting daisies in two shades of green will give you a rich, stunning pillow in either shade of Art Cloth. The Conventional Design embroidered in shades of brown to blend with tan Art Cloth, or in deep shades of pink which will make a pleasing contrast to the green Art Cloth.

**CLUB OFFER.** Any preferred stitch may be used. These two carefully selected stamped Pillow Tops will be sent you Free of Charge for only two 15-month subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each.

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**A Silken Shower from a Necktie Factory. A Big Lot of Real Silk, also Plush and Stamped Satin REMNANTS FOR CRAZY PATCHWORK.**

ART in needlework is on the advance. We know the ladies delight in odd pieces of silk and satin—"CRAZY QUILT" making is again VERY POPULAR. We are sure we have a bargain that all ladies will now delight in. Bright, handsome, odd-shaped, and pretty colored goods accumulate very fast at all WAREHOUSE FACTORIES; the styles were never so bright and pretty as they have been the past season and they are now burdened with remnants of many RICH GOODS. We have thousands of pieces of silk and satin on hand which we are going to give you a big trade on. People at a distance have hard times getting the right assortment to put into sofa-pillows, quilts, etc., and we can help you out now. Our packages contain from 30 to 100 pieces of the best quality assorted goods, and we want to get our great monthly and a lot introduced into every home; then you can order as you like for your friends, and MAKE MONEY doing our work and helping yourself also. Remember these

Grand Offer: If you order AT ONCE, we will give you several rich, bright and beautiful stamped satin pieces; each piece contains nine square inches and being stamped by hand with a graceful design for embroidery, is a big bargain. In order to work your stamped satin and Five Skeins Embroidery Silks Free. The book illustrates over one hundred and fifty of these, besides directions for taking ART EMBROIDERY, Ribbon Work, Plush or Tufted Stitch, etc. It also tells how to do Kensington Patching.

REMEMBER we send one big lot (over 100 pieces) Silk Remnants, the assorted stamped satin piece, 5 SKEINS Embroidery silk, plush, and a great book on embroidery together with 15-month subscription to "COMFORT," all for only 35 cents, or you may send two subscribers at 25c. each for 15 months and receive one lot free. Three lots and 15 mos. subscription, 65c.; five lots and subscription, for \$1.00.

Address COMFORT, Silk Dept. 4 Augusta, Maine.

**Plain Band Baby Ring**

In preference to our Baby, Pet and Darling engraved Baby Rings many prefer a plain gold band. In response to this demand we have just added this new number to our premium list and now offer you a real gold ring for Baby that is dignified and beautiful, will wear indefinitely and give entire satisfaction.

**Club Offer.** Send a club of only two new subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months. We will send the ring in a cute box, post-paid.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

**LADIES' UNDERGARMENTS MADE AT HOME FOR YOURSELF or the CHILDREN**

From your Own patterns and ideas of fine quality ENGLISH LONG CLOTH.



**ROYAL ENGLISH LONG CLOTH**

12 YARDS

Suggesting some of its practical uses. Every mother or grown-up daughter appreciates well-fitted stylish undergarments. The children and especially the babies look best dressed in all white. Think of the garments made of white linen or lawn in the outfit of every family, and mother has to make nearly all, if not all, of them by hand.

COMFORT has selected a twelve yard piece of extra fine quality ENGLISH LONG CLOTH, or linen fine and sheer in quality and texture which is manufactured solely for woman's undergarments. Probably you know just what the material is and just how satisfactory it makes up into Drawers, Corset Covers, Nightgowns, Marguerites or Chemises, or for Baby's undergarments, etc. In a twelve yard piece there is sufficient material for many different pieces, it is a family supply for a long time. If any of the young ladies of the family are to be married here is an opportunity to obtain the necessary material for the wedding outfit, and it is fine enough and pretty enough for any bride. Each piece is twelve yards long and the material is 36 inches wide.

With every twelve yard piece we will supply free of charge one paper pattern which may be selected from our regular pattern offer, elsewhere in this publication.

**CLUB OFFER.** We shall send one twelve yard piece of this First quality ENGLISH LONG CLOTH for a club of only eight 15-month subscribers at 25c. each. A remarkable bargain offer. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Arrangements for this Grand Rose Distribution have been under way for nearly a year. First we had to guarantee to use a certain tremendous quantity. Then the Rose-Grower made his plans, devoting acre after acre of his Rose-growing lands to nothing but the Six Roses we now offer you. By constant attention and care a most successful crop is the outcome and we are promised larger, stronger and better Rose plants than ever before, and they are centrally grown so that their development in any State or climate is assured. You need not hesitate on this point. The Roses we are to send you are fully developed and will grow. You can't stop it. If you love flowers, you like Roses best. There is nothing so beautiful in the garden, yet no plant is so hardy when properly cultivated from the first. You can through the benefits of this undertaking provide yourself with an immeasurable amount of pleasure from these Roses, and there are probably many friends of yours who would be interested in our offer, or who would be grateful for the roses for a sick room, or their flower-beds.

When you receive your Roses, place them in your flower-bed, if too early place them in pots in the house until weather is seasonable, then put them outdoors, where they will bloom and remain full of blossoms until Autumn. We pack them with the roots placed in wet moss, and guarantee their safe arrival.

**SPECIAL FREE HOUSEHOLD ASSORTMENT.** To further the "home beautiful" you should fix up outdoors as well as in. Our present subscribers in good standing may send 25 cents for six months' extension of their own subscription and receive a set of Six Roses free. Send 25 cents for six months' trial subscription to COMFORT and we will forward, all charges paid, this collection of the Six above described Roses. For only two subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months, we will send 12 Roses, a double assortment, two each of the six varieties. We always pack and send at our expense, single, double or orders for larger quantities.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

**Six Superb Rose Plants FREE**

Of Radiant Color, Beauty and Odor  
Wonderful offer to Lovers of Flowers

One of the oldest and largest Rose Growers in the world has repeated the arrangement to supply us with an unlimited quantity of STRONG, Vigorous Plants, ON THEIR OWN ROOTS, each assortment of SIX CAREFULLY PACKED TO BE MAILED AT OUR EXPENSE. FULLY GUARANTEED TRUE TO NAME and description below, and SUPERIOR IN EVERY WAY to ordinary hothouse-grown plants. Read carefully the complete descriptions of each of the SIX ROSES in THIS COLLECTION. Did you ever hear of anything SO GOOD and SO GENEROUS AS THIS OFFER? Hardy Roses ready to be transplanted in YOUR OWN GARDEN, there to thrive, GROW and BLOSSOM all in their radiant BEAUTY and SCENT.

**CRIMSON RAMBLER**

The most beautiful crimson climbing rose ever cultivated and a strong, rapid grower, quickly throwing up masses of great length and sturdiness, which are covered with beautiful, peculiar shining foliage. The flowers are produced in immense clusters, of from thirty to fifty blossoms in each cluster, the color of which is a lovely bright crimson. This rose is valuable for decorative hedges, arches and screens for porches or unsightly places around the home.

**PRESIDENT TAFT**

One of the most beautiful and fragrant pink roses ever introduced and unsurpassed as a free flowering variety. It is a strong, vigorous grower and one of the hardiest of all ever-bloomers. The flowers are faultlessly formed, extra large and double as a rose can be. They are an exquisite shade of bright, sparkling pink, covered with a soft, satiny sheen over all the petals, possessing a most delicious distinct fragrance.

**BLUMENSCHMIDT**

The best yellow rose for bedding purposes yet introduced, capturing all the premiums and prizes where exhibited. It is fast gaining popularity and well deserves the recognition of all rose lovers. It is a fine variety either for massing or to plant singly, growing very rapidly and producing a strong, clean growth the first season planted. The flowers are of fine formation of thick, leathery petals of a pure citron yellow, the outer ones edged tender rose and are borne in great profusion until killed by the autumn frosts.

**MARIGOLD**

The sight of this grand rose never fails to create a desire to possess the flower and a more valuable variety for outdoor planting does not exist. It is a fine upright grower, of free branching habit and as a liberal and continuous bloomer it is unsurpassed, heading the list for size, fragrance and beauty of form of flowers. No description can do justice to the wonderful beauty and splendor of the deep full flowers, which are of a clear saffron yellow, opening canary with dark golden shadings. The buds are large and elegantly formed of large heavy petals, having a most delicious fragrance.

**THE QUEEN**

As a rose for all purposes, either for outdoor or pot culture, this beautiful variety heads the list. It is a rapid, vigorous grower with a hardy constitution, and produces flowers in the greatest profusion from early Spring to late Fall. It is a rose of marvelous beauty, totally distinct in its royal magnificence, the large, pure white flowers being made up of enormous shell-like petals.

**BLUE ROSES**

This may seem incredible to many as it is the most wonderful color ever seen in a rose. For centuries this has been the aim of professional growers and after years of close application and hard work their hopes are realized, the result, VIOLET BLUE. In habit, it is closely associated with the famous Crimson Rambler, making a quick rapid growth, throwing up canes of great sturdiness, beautifully clothed with smooth shining foliage. The semi-double flowers are borne in great clusters of a rich violet blue, which are produced so profusely as to completely cover the plant. When seen from a short distance a plant of this variety in full bloom creates a startling effect.

# The Dream that Never Came True!

BALLAD.

WORDS AND MUSIC BY CHARLES NOEL DOUGLAS.

*Espressivo.*

1. I dreamed a dream in the gloam - ing, with joy it filled my breast, To - geth - er we were  
2. Ah, would I ne'er had a - woke, dear, from that dream of per - feet bliss, Naught you cared for the heart you

*Andante moderato.*

*mf*

*rit. e dim.*

*ppp*

roam - ing, thro' a land di - vine - ly blest. And your hand was held in mine, dear, ah me, the joy I knew; And my soul was a - flame as you murmur'd my name, and  
broke, dear, but you ne'er can rob me of this: The mem - 'ry sweet of that dream, dear, where we stood side by side, And I saw the lovelight in your eyes that night, when you

REFRAIN. *Languidly and with feeling.*

whis - pered I love but you. . . Dreams, dreams, dreams, Just a dream of yore, Just a dream at twi - light, It haunts me ev - er - more. You  
asked me to be your bride. . . Dreams, dreams, dreams, Just a dream of yore, Just a dream at twi - light, It haunts me ev - er - more.

*mp*

*cres.*

told me that you loved me, . . Ah the joy I knew; 'Twas a dream di - vine, But the bliss ne'er was mine, For that dream it nev - er came true.  
Wed - ding - bells were ring - ing, . . Joy they brought to you, . . But that glad re - frain Broke my heart in twain, For that dream it nev - er came true.

*cres.*

*f*

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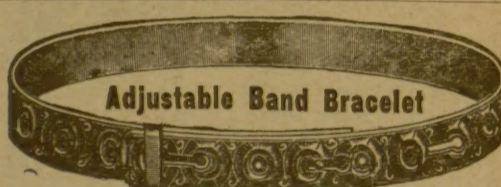
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The above are the second month's prizes which we have paid, and we are about to pay the prizes for February which is the third month in the special Calendar Prize Contest. Get the 1911 COMFORT Calendar which offers the same list of one hundred and twenty-four cash prizes for March. One prize sure for everyone who tried and perhaps one of the one hundred and twenty-four cash prizes too. Enter March contest now.

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## Nottingham Lace Curtains

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## THIS BEAUTIFUL NARCISSUS ASSORTMENT EXTRA HEAVY SILVER PLATED WARE.

Now offered in eleven different pieces comprising an elaborate and complete assortment. Especially desirable Wedding Gift, equally as desirable to all housekeepers.

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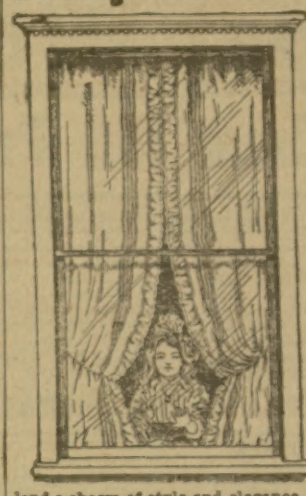
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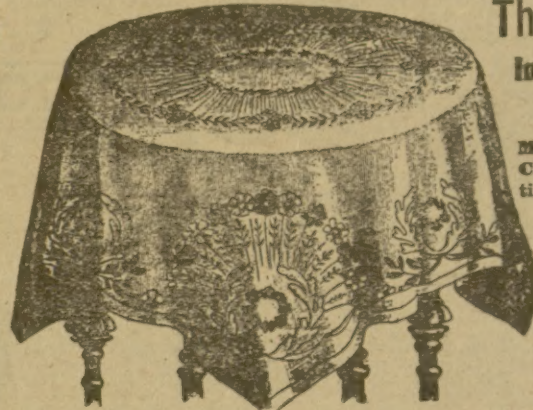
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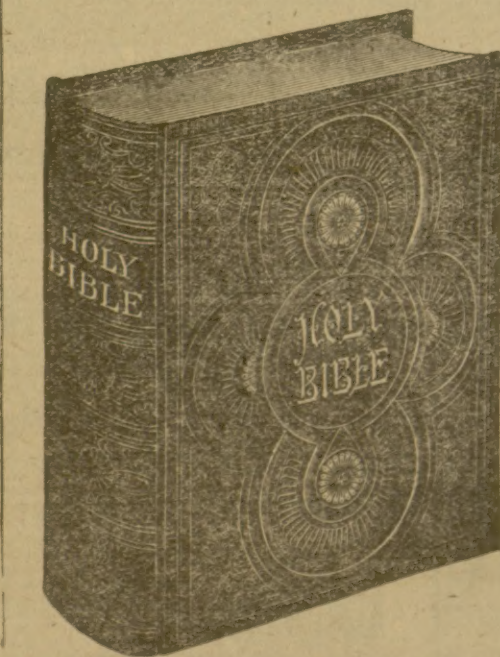
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